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'PIECE OF CAKE?'

"No. Raising £50,000 in four years for the Marie Curie hospice took the Cowbridge and Vale Fundraising Group for Marie Curie took much hard work, dedication and support from the community."

Report and photos on page 8.

No job change for Vale MP as Alun Cairns retains seat

FOLLOWING the General Election last Thursday, June 8, the Vale's MP Alun Cairns has been reappointed Secretary of State for Wales.

However, it was an uncomfortable night for the Conservatives, both nationally and locally.

Mr Cairns polled 25,501 votes, just 2,190 votes ahead of Labour's Camilla Beaven, who recorded 23,311 votes.

In the 2015 general election, Mr Cairns polled 6,880 more votes than his nearest challenger, Chris Elmore, again for Labour.

The turnout was up on the 2015 general election, increasing from 71.18 per cent to 72.72 per cent.

Plaid Cymru's Ian Johnson came third, polling 2,295 votes.

In the Cabinet re-shuffle, PM May appointed Barry-born Damian Green as First Secretary of State and Minister for the Cabinet Office.

For more on how general election night unfolded in the Vale, turn to page 9.

Cowbridge to show its support for the Armed Forces community

ARMED Forces Day is on June 24, and Cowbridge will be showing its support.

In a letter to The GEM, Peter Davies of the Cowbridge and District Branch, The Royal British Legion, wrote: "Armed Forces Day this year falls on Saturday, June 24. It is the chance to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community, which includes those currently serving, Service families, veterans, and cadets.

"National Armed Forces Day celebrations begin on Monday, June 19, when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on public buildings and famous landmarks across the country.

"This year, Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council has decided to show its support, and that of local citizens, by flying the Armed Forces Day flag over the Town Hall in the week leading up to Armed Forces Day.

"A short flag raising ceremony will take place at Cowbridge Town Hall at 9.45am on Monday, June 19.

"The Mayor will preside and members of the town council and the Royal British Legion will be in attendance.

"Any member of the public who wishes to witness the ceremony and show their support for the Armed Forces community will be most welcome."

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COUNCILLOR'S DEMAND WAS 'POLITICALLY OPPORTUNISTIC'

WHILE Ian Johnson's recognition that the previous Vale Council and the WAG's LDP housing policy is based on flawed estimates is welcome, his demand that the Conservatives should make their policy on the matter clear in order that constituents may make an informed decision at the forthcoming [*NB Letter received just before the GE. Ed.*] **General Election is both dishonest and politically opportunistic.**

Over five years ago I voiced the view that the estimates were flawed and two or three years ago you published an apolitical plea from me for the then Labour-dominated Vale Council to listen to the arguments, suggesting that they were "even against the most optimistic of economic forecasts, unbelievably flawed".

This was because they were based on, mirrored even, those for London and the south east and had been applied regardless of their relevance in our economic climate and levels of consequent demand here in south east Wales.

I was then arguing the case for the Colwinston plans to be re-examined along with others such as Ystradowen, Bonvilston, St Nicholas and Cowbridge. Unfortunately our arguments, with the exception of the Conservatives in a minority, and one lone Plaid councillor, fell on deaf ears, just as did the case for re-opening the Llandow Newydd option.

As it is, the plans already approved are causing serious concerns in regard to the ability of the health, education, transport and services infrastructures to cope.

I have no doubt that the new Conservative administration in the Vale will do all it can to change WAG policy, but this will require common sense to prevail and the support of all parties including Plaid in both Barry and Cardiff Bay.

Housing is after all a devolved matter and the outcome of the General Election will have little or no bearing on our LDP. It is Jane Hutt, our AM and Labour in general from whom Ian Johnson should have sought clarity.

Peter Graham-Woollard, Colwinston.

TORY 'SHAMBLES'?

THE Tory Government, such as it is, has the Brexit millstone hanging round its neck, along with the inevitable ensuing shambles.

This result, therefore, ensures that the Tories have to clean up the mess that they, and they alone, created through the arrogance of David Cameron.

The 27 governments of Europe must be falling about with laughter at the mess we ourselves have created. In the meetings to follow, the EU now no longer just own all the cards, they own the chairs and card table as well.

What an utter shambles, and people still vote Tory. Unbelievable!

John H Evans, Cowbridge.

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Incinerator application: There are 'many flaws'

I NOTICED in last week's GEM (June 8), Coun Anne Moore accused DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group) of 'scaremongering' and spreading 'misleading information' about the giant incinerator currently being built by Biomass in Barry.

As the chairman of DIAG, I'm shocked that Coun Anne Moore has somehow missed the Capita report and the damning Schedule 5 notice that NRW (Natural Resources Wales) recently sent to Biomass.

These documents provide indisputable, conclusive proof that it's not DIAG 'scaremongering'.

NRW themselves see many serious problems with Biomass's application for a permit to operate their incinerator, including:

• Serious problems with Biomass's forecasts of how much their incinerator will raise the noise pollution levels.

• Discrepancies with conflicting claims of exactly how much waste wood Biomass intend to burn.

• Problems with their incinerator emission forecasts during normal operation. Much more data is required, including 'additional risk assessment'.

• Many questions as to whether Biomass are using 'Best Available Techniques' for efficiency and minimizing pollution in the construction of their incinerator.

• Serious questions raised about the efficient use of heat energy generated from the plant. Biomass claim it is an energy generation facility, yet they are wasting the vast majority of it!

• Major problems in the critical area of fire risk prevention and mitigation planning. Biomass are using a completely obsolete set of guidelines, instead of using the legally required ones!

• The very serious oversight that Biomass have somehow forgotten to include and account for the risk to Barry town's schools, nurseries, playgrounds, shops, leisure facilities, etc in their planning.

It's as if the people of the town are an inconvenience they'd rather ignore in their rush to slap up their incinerator.

All in all, the Schedule 5 notice listed a dozen pages and 70 odd points of shortcomings and flaws in the Biomass application for a permit to operate their incinerator.

Hardly reassuring, is it? The Schedule 5 conclusively proves Coun Anne Moore was wrong when she accused DIAG of 'scaremongering'.

It also makes a mockery of the Biomass claim that they're following 'rigorous procedures' and 'will meet the very highest safety standards'.

Their application is riddled with holes, and this issue should be of great concern to every resident in Barry.

Alexis Liosatos, Chairman of DIAG.

Vale Council ignoring data on incinerator impact

COUN Anne Moore asks me in the recent article 'Permission for energy plant was taken out of Council's hands' (The GEM, June 8), why Fife Council's recent rejection of a biomass plant near to Glenrothes town is different from the Vale Council's rejection of the Sunrise Biomass plant in 2008.

Easy – the Fife officers formulated sound planning reasons, while the Vale committee had to over-rule their officers' report, which leaned over backwards to favour the company.

It then went to the appeal hearing with such weak arguments that the inspector ruled they had to pay the company's full costs.

What were Fife's sound reasons? Firstly, that nearby businesses could be affected, which has turned out to be true in Barry, with staff quitting because of the severe noise. The Vale Council never considered the adjacent businesses on Woodham Road.

Secondly, there was insufficient evidence on adverse effects on the local environment. The Vale officers declined to consider air pollution, leaving it to the Environment Agency (whose successors the NRW are now raising concerns) and accepted clearly faulty data on existing noise levels so as to allow a very noisy industrial plant.

In addition, the Vale Council persist in calling it an 'energy plant' as in your headline, despite it being classed under the incineration regulations for burning waste wood with chemicals in plastic glues and coatings. They never put questions on composition, hazardous ash, smoke from accidental fires etc.

There is a big difference with Fife Council, who rejected their plant for 'insufficient information'.

The Vale officers set out to help the developer, on the assumption they have to find positive reasons for rejection.

They put some questions from the public, but then just swallowed the developer's evasive or inadequate replies. They ignored their own energy officer criticising the bad efficiency of a so-called energy plant that wastes all the heat.

The Vale could have supported objections on noise and air quality at the present licensing stage, as do the Capita consultants for Barry Town Council.

They won't even support the public pointing out the new housing development since 2008, unknown to the inquiry inspector on the East Quays Waterfront.

Let's hope the new council will reject the environmental degradation of the Vale that Labour's permissive approach to development has engendered.

Max Wallis, Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) and Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth.

MP 'smeared' by councillor

COUN Gwyn John should get his facts correct before smearing Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns met with both Andy Palmer, chief executive of Aston Martin, and Akbar Al Baker of Qatar [Airways] and made cases for how they would benefit by coming to the Vale.

How can Coun John think that the Vale MP would have meetings with these chief executives of large companies and not try to persuade them to bring their franchises to the Vale?

Mr Cairns has done far more for the Vale since 2010 than the Senedd has done in the past 21 years in power.

Can Coun John explain to the residents of the Vale where the money from Westminster, given to Wales on two consecutive years not to raise our council tax, was wasted?

Edward Jones, Cowbridge.

'I do not have sour grapes' Coun John

I REFER to the letter in The GEM last week from Gillian Bruce accusing me of 'sour grapes over the action taken by Coun Bob Penrose'.

Sorry, Ms Bruce, it is nothing of the kind, and you misunderstand what I was referring to in the previous report to The GEM.

Let me explain.

When Llantwit First Independents worked with the Labour Party, we worked in coalition, which means that we kept out own identity and did not join them. We did not attend their group meetings, and they did not attend ours.

As the Oxford dictionary says it was 'temporary combination of parties that retain distinctive principles'.

In the case of Coun Penrose, he has joined the Conservative group on the council; not their party.

He is not working in coalition, but by joining the group, he has increased their number of seats on the council to 24.

In working in coalition with Labour, Llantwit First Independents retained their four seats on the council and worked with Labour, who had 22 seats.

That was the figure from which the balance of committee places were assessed in 2012.

The position now is that the Conservative balance is 24 and that is what their committee places are assessed on right now. I cannot be clearer than that.

Because Llantwit First Independents worked in coalition in the last council, it was never expected that we would be working with anyone in the future.

We have worked as a group on the council since 2004 and yes, I have much experience of working for my Llantwit Major ward and will continue to do so in the future.

So before criticising me in the press, please get your facts straight.

Coun Gwyn John, Llantwit Major.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
15 Thur	10.47	8.7	23.09	8.6
16 Fri	11.29	8.4	23.56	8.3
17 Sat			12.23	8.2
18 Sun	00.55	8.1	13.27	8.1
19 Mon	01.58	8.2	14.39	8.3
20 Tues	03.03	8.5	15.48	8.7
21 Wed	04.19	8.9	16.51	9.0
22 Thur	05.18	9.3	17.49	9.5

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It's 'Allo 'Allo! to Allée Cowbridge!

Christian Peulvey (left) and former Cowbridge with Llanblethian Mayor Liz George unveil the street sign.

MEMBERS of the Cowbridge-Clisson Town Twinning association were present during the unveiling of a street sign – in French and Welsh – naming a new road 'Allée Cowbridge – Llwybr Yr Bont-Faen.'

In the twinning party was former mayor, Liz George. She was invited to unveil the sign which had been draped with the French and Welsh flags.

The party then sang the Welsh and French national anthems.

The ceremony was one of several events commemorating 25 years of the Cowbridge-Clisson link.

The Cowbridge party thanked Clisson for its gesture of goodwill and hoped that it will soon prove possible to name a new street in Cowbridge after Clisson.

PSLB

WI warned of tax scam

THE June Meeting of Boverton WI started on a sombre note.

A member told us about a scam concerning the tax inspector. Be aware – these people are out there.

Business began with a reminder about our Saturday trip to Stowe and Winchcombe.

The newly formed walking group had enjoyed its starter walk to Llantwit Beach and we were told next month's walk will be between Southerndown and Ogmore, with refreshments before returning by bus.

At our July meeting, we will have a bring-and-buy book stall in aid of funds.

In November GFWI are staging a 'craft spectacular' at Margam and any member can, for £20, book a stall to sell their crafts. We are also hoping to raise a team, or two, for a boules match during August taking place in Llanmaes.

Our speaker for the evening was Rhiannon Chamberlain from the Dogs Trust.

Rhiannon is a support and education officer. It was founded in 1912 by Lady Gertrude Stock and was formerly known as The National Canine Defence League. The motto 'No healthy dog will be put down' was introduced in 1967 and 'A dog is for life not just for Christmas' in 1978.

There are 21 rehoming centres across the country, with approximately 18,000 dogs being admitted yearly. The average stay is between four and six weeks and each dog is vaccinated, micro-chipped and neutered.

Rehoming, after careful vetting, takes place on Tuesday and Friday. Each dog is given a lead, collar and food sample to take to their new home.

The organisation is currently campaigning against puppy farms and puppies brought in from abroad. It was a very interesting talk. On Sunday, June 25 it is having an event at Pencoed to raise funds.

Boverton WI meets on the second Thursday of the month and all are welcome to join us.

WENDY JACKSON

'PRAYER SAFARI' IN TOWN

'THY Kingdom Come' was promoted by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to encourage Christians all over the globe to pray specifically for their local communities.

In Cowbridge, many Christians joined this movement of prayer and a 'Prayer Safari' ran throughout the town, finishing with 24 hours of continual prayer from Friday, June 2, to Saturday, June 3, at 8am supported by 45 people in one hour prayer slots.

During the week, the whole town has been prayed for either by prayer walkers praying through the streets or by prayer groups praying over other roads, schools, businesses and so on.

We joined with millions worldwide who took part in this prayer movement. People reported that they have rediscovered the habit of prayer.

This time of prayer has also strengthened unity across the local churches and with Christians who live locally, but worship in Cardiff.

For those who are not able to get to church to pray, a booklet called 'Try Praying' can be found free in the local churches, Noah's Place and in Costa Coffee. It can also be downloaded as an app: TryPraying.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, there was a service for Pentecost on BBC1 and also The Sunday Service on Radio 4, both with Justin Welby talking about Thy Kingdom Come. **SG**

Pentecost and a Cymanfa Ganu

SUNSHINE, freshly baked scones, cream and strawberry jam, together with tea or coffee and surrounded by friends – that's how Pentecost afternoon began for Churches Together in Cowbridge on Sunday, June 4.

More than 60 people from all the churches in Cowbridge, together with friends from the Welsh chapels gathered in the Maendy Room in United Free Church, for an hour or so of chat.

A spokesperson takes up the story: "Those who arrived later on sat at tables outside in the hot sun.

"Reverend Heather Weddell then invited everyone to come in to the chapel for the *Cymanfa Ganu*, which was the real draw.

"An hour of singing hymns in Welsh, with one or two in English, drew in around 80 people to enjoy every minute."

Rev Weddell opened the singing with remembering those murdered in the jihadist attack in Borough Market the night before and praying for all those involved, followed by Rev Stephen Adams speaking about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the continuing presence of the spirit.

The spokesperson continued: "Eifion Davies led the gathering through some breathing exercises first, softening the instructions with considerable humour. "As we remember that Pentecost recalls the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, galvanising them into action, so that spirit was present among the congregation, expressed in music, harmony, great enthusiasm and wonderful singing.

"We mentioned that if anyone would like to make a donation, the collection would be given to the recently created Memory Jar Café, a regular meeting in the Church's Maendy Room for those with dementia or memory issues and their supporters.

"People responded with amazing generosity and the wonderful sum of £192 was donated, which included the money from the sale of spare scones. We do thank everyone very much for their kindness."

'Enchanting' quilts for Ystradowen and District WI

ON a very wet and windy Wednesday evening, Ystradowen and District WI had 21 members assembling in the Village Hall for the June meeting and the start of the new year.

The speaker was Gayney Jones from Margam WI, who gave a talk on quilting. It turned out to be one of the most memorable evenings of the past months.

Gayney brought with her the banner which won the National WI competition and a journey to London to receive the award from Anne, The Princess Royal with HM The Queen looking on.

It was a truly beautiful creation, and one wondered at the standard of stitchcraft of all the other entries.

As a highlight of the evening, it was challenged by 'The Quilt of Hope', an exquisite quilt of 224 four-inch squares, some of which had been autographed by the great and good of two continents.

Gayney told the group that she had bought a raffle ticket from the MS charity in August, but it was November when she received a call from America to tell her she had won first prize!

Other quilts she had made: a Santa's sack, wall hangings, Christmas garlands, an endearing tea cosy were shown to the group, but the favourite was a Bugs Bunny in a long grey overcoat holding large carrot.

The meeting concluded with minutes from the last meeting and the AM. A committee of four was appointed to begin preparations for the Ystradowen and District WI's 30th birthday and the same birthday of the village hall.

Announcements included the chance of a visit to Chatsworth, petanque (boules) in Pontyclun, a request for volunteer stewards for the June garden party and a craft spectacular in the Margam Orangery in November, where Gayney's quilts would be on display.

The evening was enjoyed by everyone.

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CAT REPORTED LOST

OLIVIA, a black-and-white long-haired cat, has been missing from Aubrey Terrace in Cowbridge for three weeks.

A spokesperson for Cats Protection, who made the shock announcement, described the cat as "very timid".

The spokesperson added: "Olivia went missing when her elderly owner died three weeks ago.

"She will not approach you, but please check your shrubbery, decking and outbuildings, in fact anywhere she could hide, for signs of her."

The spokesperson added that there is no known photograph of Olivia.

Call Cats Protection on 01656 724396 with any sightings of the cat. Staff will come to collect her.

'Enterprise Troopers' are victorious

Pupils from Ysgol Y Bont Faen celebrating their achievements.

PRIMARY schoolchildren from across the Vale took part in an entrepreneurial competition, which aimed to find and nurture the most promising young business talent in Wales.

Enterprise Troopers, the annual competition run by Big Ideas Wales brings together five to 11-year-olds from across the country.

The four most exciting business ideas (out of 17 who took part) of the key stage two pupils will now head to the national final at Wales Millennium Centre on July 4.

Pupils from Llangan Primary School in Cowbridge, Dinas Powys Primary and Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc in Barry wowed the judges at the regional final at Margam Park.

The competition 'aims to encourage creativity and business skills in young people, and challenges pupils across Wales to develop their own business ideas'.

Y Bont Faen Primary in Cowbridge and St Andrews Major Church in Wales Primary School in Dinas Powys are now heading for the final after impressing the judges.

Speaking at the event, Graeme Jones, year-6 teacher at Ysgol Y Bont Faen, said: "We're incredibly proud of our pupils who have shown so much creativity through this process.

" They've thoroughly enjoyed today's event and we're all really looking forward to the final. Fingers crossed for more success there!"

Showing their support for the pupils at each regional final are four 'super-troopers', each representing the key attributes of entrepreneurship: attitude, creativity, relationships and organisation.

The event's headline sponsor, Hugh Evans, owner of Caernarfon Airport and Cardiff Heliport, said of the launch: "Encouraging entrepreneurial attitudes in children from an early age allows them to develop life skills and talents that are essential to their development."

Pupils as young as key stage one were also involved in the regional final, showing off their best business ideas, including a grow-your-own plant sale in which the Dinas Powys Primary School was named the overall winner.

To find out more about the competition contact www.enterprisetroopers.bigideaswales.com, or email Enterpriseroopers@cazbah.biz or call 0844 736 6150.

What's on, and where?

Midsummer with CAOS

CAOS Musical Society are presenting their latest concert of seasonal and musical favourites.

Music for a Midsummer's Night takes place at St Athan Community Centre on Friday, June 23 and Rhoose Community Centre on Saturday, June 24, both at 7.30pm.

Their special guest is Tom Colgan who can be seen playing the Beast in Llantwit Major School's *Beauty and the Beast* in July. Tickets are £7 from 01446 744348, from members and on the door.

Village fete and beer festival

THE Llanmaes Village Fete and Blacksmiths Arms Beer Festival takes place on Saturday, July 1 for a fun filled day featuring the Aberthin Tractor Boys, bouncy castle, craft stalls, coconut shy, barbecue and live bands – something for all the family!

Harmonious Harps performs for LATCH

HARMONIOUS Harps will be holding its annual summer concert at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Thursday, June 29 from 6.30pm.

The concert is in aid of LATCH, the Welsh children's cancer charity. LATCH supports the children and their families who are being treated in the oncology unit at the Children's Hospital of Wales.

The young harpists, who range in age from 9 to 18 would really appreciate the support of a large audience to raise funds for this worthwhile charity and are very grateful to Holy Cross Church for their help with this event.

The children hope that the audience will give what they can, rather than be set a fixed ticket price; people will be able to give confidentially if they wish.

No tickets are required in advance. The harpists performing include Megan Hastings, Carys Lewis, Seren Horsey, Rhys Wardhaugh, Ioan Wardhaugh, Aneira Anderson, Honor Wainwright, Cesia Rhys Lewis, Elinor Parsons, Can Wardhaugh, Beca Owen, Sara Jones, Morwenna Brown, Bryn Wardhaugh, Anwen Fardy and Nia Fenn.

Please come along and support Harmonious Harps and LATCH on June 29.

CAROLINE GREENWOOD

Thanks from Cats Protection volunteers

THE fundraising volunteers of Bridgend Cats Protection Adoption Centre, Bryncethin held a collection on June 3 in Cowbridge High Street.

We would like to thank everybody who stopped to talk to us, share stories of their cats and also donate to help the many cats and kittens currently waiting for a new home.

Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to help out, and the people of Cowbridge for their kindness and support.

KATE HALL
(fundraising volunteer)

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WI is alive to the sound of music

THIS month, Llanblethian WI's venue changed to the Clinton Room in the UFC church, as our usual hall was being used for voting.

Our evening was focused on music. Also at the Maendy Room in the UFC the Cowbridge Choral Society were practising. The whole building was alive with the sound of music, which made it very special, even though we came from different ends of the spectrum.

Our meeting opened with greetings to our new president, Lynne Mulcahy, which is a great pleasure; new blood, new broom. We are all very pleased and looking forward to the coming year with renewed energy.

Our guest impresario for the evening was Meryn Williams. Meryn conducts the Friday choir that meets at the Duke of Wellington Hotel and she is heavily involved in music in all dimensions.

She gave us a brief overview of her career so far, which included playing piano for the great tenor, Stuart Burrows to playing for dance and ballet classes.

So varied is her involvement with music she is now using it for health issues such as speech therapy, cleft palate, and a number of 'social ailments'.

Music has opened a whole new world in the medical field: what a joy to sing, instead of taking the tablets.

This lady shines with joy and has a wicked sense of humour. She played some beautiful serious music for us, and had us singing our hearts out. It was a joyous evening enjoyed by all.

If you would like to join us we meet at Llanblethian church hall the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. See you there.

VG

Cowbridge seconds see their game abandoned

THE weather was the winner last Saturday as the rain that was forecast finally arrived at The Athletic Ground shortly after tea resulting in the match between Cowbridge second XI and Kidwelly Town first XI being abandoned.

Kidwelly Town won the toss and chose to field first, a decision that came as no surprise given the used, tired looking wicket and damp outfield.

The usual pairing of Dave Gascoyne and Jonty Webb opened the innings and battled hard in the testing conditions putting on 45 before Webb was dismissed for 7 in the 15th over.

Alistair Lawson (5), Heath Webb (4) and Navid Younas (0) all found the conditions difficult and the trio were dismissed within the next 10 overs leaving Cowbridge in the precarious position of 94 for 4.

The resolute and charismatic Gascoyne, meanwhile, played sensibly during this period and having passed 50 for the third time this season, there was still hope that a defendable total could be reached.

However, his dismissal for 64 put a stop to the boundary scoring and despite valiant efforts from Sami Khan (16) and the lower middle order, the home team could only muster 136 for 8 from their allocated 40 overs.

In reply, in light drizzle and fading light, Kidwelly Town got off to the worst possible start losing one of their opening batsman in the first over to the young and hostile Heath Webb.

Unfortunately, it was not long before the rain became heavier and more persistent and the sensible decision to abandon the match was made with the opposition on 7 for 1 from three overs.

With only one other game played in the division, this 'no-result' did no damage to the team's league position and they remain in fourth place when they travel to Maesteg Celtic on Saturday hoping for better weather.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Llangan Primary School

FOLLOWING the children's half term break, pupils in Year-5/6 are going on a two-night residential stay at the Llanion Adventure Centre in Pembrokeshire.

The nursery pupils are going to Walnut Tree Farm near Newport on Tuesday, June 13.

Successful concert

THE concert which took place at St Canna's, Llangan, on June 9 was a very successful event. I understand proceeds will benefit certain charities.

Thank you to everyone for their support.

CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Barry man attacked estranged wife with baseball bat

A SENTENCE for public protection has been passed at Cardiff Crown Court on a Barry man who broke into his estranged wife's home and attacked her with a baseball bat, raining 10 blows to her head and arms.

Dean Shaw, 38, had been in a "toxic relationship" with Kyli Shaw said his counsel Kevin Seal.

Shaw, of Ewbank Close, received a 12-year sentence comprising eight years custody, plus a licence extension of four years.

He had pleaded guilty to charges of wounding with intent, possessing an offensive weapon, and breach of a restraining order.

He denied a charge of attempted murder and this was accepted by the prosecution who offered no evidence.

Said judge Eleri Rees: "On any view, this was a dysfunctional, volatile relationship and the injuries could have been considerably worse."

She added that the report indicated Shaw represented a high risk of causing serious harm in the future.

Prosecutor Michael Jones said that on the night of April 13, Mrs Shaw was at her home in Sully. The defendant had been in a relationship with her for four years and behaved aggressively towards her and a restraining order was made against him in October last year, banning him from having contact with her.

He had been convicted of two breaches of that order at Cardiff Magistrates' Court. On April 9, he went to her home and acknowledged Mrs Shaw and said the police were looking for him and he promised to go to them the following day.

He didn't, and she contacted the police.

At the time, the defendant was on some form of medication and his wife, who felt sorry for him, offered to accompany him if he received counselling.

However, said Mr Jones, he was arrested on April 12 and released on bail.

The following day, he went to the Sully address where Mrs Shaw was talking to a male friend.

"There was a loud bang and the sound of glass smashing, and her friend fled. Shaw went into the living room, armed with a baseball bat," added Mr Jones.

He told her: "I'm going to ****ing kill you," and she froze in total shock.

He struck her to the left side of the head and she dropped to the floor.

He deliberately struck her to the head and arms about 10 times.

"He was shouting all the time she was being struck. She believed it was not going to stop. Soon after, he ran from the house and she was able to call out to a neighbour, who rang the police."

She was shaking and crying and taken to the University Hospital of Wales, where she was treated for a broken right forearm.

Cuts to her head were stapled.

Shaw was located in a pub in Barry and he told the police: "What are you on about?" and later he again denied being involved. He said after being released on bail he had gone to his mother's house and was adamant that he had been in a pub, drinking four pints of cider.

Mr Jones said the couple married in June 2014 but had separated two years later.

He was shown photographs of her injuries, which he described as 'shocking and disgusting'.

The court heard he had previous convictions for possessing an offensive weapon, a sheath knife, causing actual bodily harm, using threatening words and behaviour, affray and harassment.

There was also a breach of a restraining order and he threatened to throw acid in the complainant's face.

Mr Jones pointed out that the victim was particularly vulnerable, the beating was sustained, there was a significant degree of premeditation and the attack was committed when he was on bail.

Mr Seal claimed that Mrs Shaw had instigated contact with him.

"Now he fully accepts the relationship is at an end. Fortunately, his parents support him but do not condone his actions."

For some time, said Mr Seal, he had lived rough, took to drink and drugs and once took an overdose.

"He didn't know whether he was coming or going.

"His life has fallen apart, and he was unable to explain his actions but he accepts that 'a red mist descended' and caused his jealousy."

He continued: "Shaw accepts it was stupid and now he feels nothing but shame. He is prepared to address this problem and is under no illusion that he will receive a substantial sentence."

Man jailed after 'bizarre behaviour'

A YOUNG employee at a Penarth betting shop was terrified when a man who had a knife began behaving in a "bizarre manner", Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Richard Williams-Francis of Church Road, Penarth, was jailed for a total of 12 months, after pleading guilty to charges of assault and possessing an offensive weapon.

Judge Phillip Harris-Jenkins told him: "You absolutely terrified this lady and this is the least sentence I can impose."

Prosecutor Eugene Egan said that on January 27, Williams-Francis made three trips to the Betfred premises in Penarth.

On the third occasion at about 6.20pm, he had with him a knife and began behaving erratically.

Katie Clifton emptied a gaming machine of about £1,000 and the defendant went up to her and pushed against her body.

"He was restrained," said Mr Egan, "and a search revealed the knife in his jacket pocket.

He said she was shaken up and later worried about going back to work.

The judge told him: "You were acting in a bizarre manner."

He said the victim screamed and other customers went to her aid.

"Your actions caused her great upset and distress. You were under the influence of alcohol."

He said Williams-Francis had a previous conviction for possessing a weapon involving running down a street and threatening someone with it, for which he received 12 months.

As a child, said the judge, he had suffered trauma. He was ordered to pay on his release £140 court surcharge.

Mike and Beryl (right) of the Victoria Inn, celebrating Mandy's win.

MANDY BEATS CANCER AND WINS DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP

ON June 10, Amanda (Mandy) Edwards celebrated a 12-month fight against cancer by beating all comers in the Cowbridge and District Darts League to become the ladies' singles champion.

She beat Pam Adams from the Farmers Arms in a thrilling final, where it went down to the last leg, with both ladies needing a double to win the title.

Mandy was also runner-up in the ladies' doubles with her team mate, Katie George.

Mandy said: "It's been a great year, and joining the Victoria Inn team has really helped me through a difficult 12 months. It gave me something to focus on after the surgery and I really looked forward to a Tuesday night, especially after a day of chemotherapy."

"Everyone has been so supportive and even when I have been really down after the chemo treatment, the banter on match nights really lifted my spirits.

"The other teams were joking that I was nuclear powered, which made me smile and the support from all the teams gave me a lot of strength."

"It's the first time the pub has had a team, so a big thank you to Mike and Beryl of the Victoria Inn for all their efforts in fielding a team and to all those in the league for making us all so welcome.

"It was a great finals evening brilliantly organised, and to come away with this lovely trophy for the pub and for all the regulars who have spurred me on is a great feeling.

"I know I am lucky to be able to say 'I am looking forward to 2018'."

A postcard from the past for WI

ST NICHOLAS WI's president Jan Hayes, in their new meeting place at the Bonvilston Reading Rooms, welcomed speaker Dave Salter with his presentation 'What the Postman Saw'.

The talk was on the history of the postcard, from its introduction for commercial use in the 19th century. They quickly became popular for sending personal messages and were cheaper than a letter, with postal deliveries being very frequent.

The cards were often reminders of great moments in history, such as the Senghenydd colliery disaster, embroidery from the Great War, film stars of the 1930s and '40s and picturesque holiday cards with their interesting messages on the reverse; some personal, some sad, some humorous, but all an insight into the past.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Plant sales at the annual meeting and the Wenvoe tabletop sale had raised £18.

Federation notices detailing forthcoming walks, petanque and other activities were made available for members.

Secretary Fran Mitchell reminded members to have an emergency number for ICE on their mobile phones and announced final details of the summer trip to Picton Castle.

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on July 6.

WL

WI learns about organic meat fit for a queen

THE June meeting of Southerndown WI was the first meeting to be presided over by new president Lyn, and a very enjoyable meeting it was!

Lyn introduced the new members of the committee and explained the roles each will take. She then updated everyone on the new activities taking place in the next few months, including a summer trip to Lacock Abbey during August.

The speaker for the evening was Polly Davies from Slade Farm in St Brides Major, an organic farm of more than 750 acres.

Polly explained how crops are grown to feed the livestock, cattle, sheep and pigs and that the welfare of the animals is of primary concern.

The members were shown examples of the crops and Polly explained how two crops, such as wheat and peas, are often grown together to reduce the growth of weeds. No pesticides are used and (as with humans) antibiotics are given to an animal only if it is unwell.

While some of the beef and lamb is supplied to Waitrose, all of their pork and some beef and lamb is sold in their thriving farm shop. Their butchery produces bacon, sausages and mince as well as joints of meat and mutton is also available, which Polly advised is excellent when cooked in a slow cooker.

Their products have won numerous awards and HM The Queen enjoyed some of their gammon during a recent trip to Wales.

Polly's enthusiasm for organic farming was apparent throughout her talk and members had many questions for her. As a result, members will be reading the labels on supermarket meat products far more carefully in future.

The next meeting is on Thursday, July 13 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall on Southerndown Road, St Brides Major, when the meeting will have a musical theme. New members are welcome.

PM

Pleasure Park extension could be removed

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THE owner of Barry Island Pleasure Park, Henry Danter, says he is "gutted" that a Vale Council report has recommended that an arcade extension he constructed should be removed.

The extension is to the Treasure Island and Funfair Arcade on Paget Road.

Planners say the work didn't have the correct planning permission and say the area should be restored to its previous condition.

The report says: "It is noted that the shuttered finish is of a similar material to the previous finish of the arcade building; however, that building had a run-down appearance and did not have a high quality finish.

"The front elevation of the extension consists entirely of these large shutters which are opened during the daytime. It fails to create an attractive frontage during the daytime, given the obvious industrial appearance of the frame and shutters.

"The shutters when closed result in a blank, uninteresting and oppressive frontage at times when the amusement arcade is closed."

The report notes: "The unauthorised extension to the arcade building is considered to be of a poor design and quality that harms the visual amenities of the street scene and wider Barry Marine Conservation Area.

"In view of the issues identified, it is considered expedient to pursue action requiring the removal of the building and restoration of the perimeter wall."

Officers have visited the park on a number of occasions over compliance issues.

Councillors could discuss enforcement action this week.

Mr Danter told The GEM he believed the work carried out came under legislation relating to amusement parks and what they were permitted to do, rather than local authority building control.

He said all that had happened was a structure being moved and bolted back together.

"I can't believe they're doing it. It is an amusement park – all we have done is move things around.

"We have done wonderful things here, spent millions. This throws a spanner in the works.

"We have been going like a train – beyond the call of duty. When we came here Barry had one of the worst amusement parks in the world, but we turned that round and have put Barry back on the map."

Mr Danter took over the Pleasure Park in 2015, with a £20m investment planned, and new rides being brought in.

Mr Danter added that his aim was to work with the council.

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Parkinson's UK thanks National Garden Scheme

OVER the Bank Holiday weekend, teams from Parkinson's UK cycled round gardens open for charity across England and Wales to the celebrate the 90th anniversary of the National Garden Scheme's very first opening for charity in 1927.

On May 28, Parkinson's UK volunteer Curtis Fields of Oakdale, Glamorgan and two friends took on a one-day cycle tour visiting six unique National Garden Scheme openings gardens across Glamorgan.

The 40-mile challenge started at Pontygwaith Farm, near Treharris, and finished at Slade, Southerndown – home of Rosamund Davies who is the Glamorgan county organiser for the National Garden Scheme.

From gardens at farms and cottages to old post offices, the route took the team on a stunning adventure that ended on the coast in an eight-acre garden overlooking the Bristol channel.

Curtis, who coordinated the bike ride explained why the partnership is important to Parkinson's UK, one of the National Garden Scheme's beneficiary charities: "Parkinson's UK has received almost £¾m from the National Gardens Scheme since 2013, which makes them one of their largest ongoing donors. Having friends with Parkinson's makes me realise how much support they give to people affected by the condition, and so this ride was an excellent way to visit some garden owners, view their amazing gardens, and thank them for their hard work to raise so much money every year."

Rosamund Davies, who is also the Welsh chair for the NGS said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Curtis and his team to my garden at the end of their epic ride.

"Our garden owners really appreciate the opportunity to meet representatives from the charities they work so hard to raise funds for. This was therefore a great way for Parkinson's UK to thank some of them in person, as well as raising awareness of the National Garden Scheme on the anniversary weekend of the very first garden opening for charity, 90 years ago."

Parkinson's UK first became a guest charity of the National Garden Scheme in 2013, and a permanent beneficiary in 2016. To date, it has received £722,000 in annual donations from the National Garden Scheme.

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MARIE CURIE FUNDRAISERS LOOK BACK ON FOUR SUCCESSFUL YEARS

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THE Cowbridge and Vale Fundraising Group for Marie Curie celebrated their garden party in the Cowbridge Physic Garden on Friday, June 9, reflecting that they had raised £50,000 for the Marie Curie Hospice in Penarth since starting four years ago.

Members of the committee and guests enjoyed a, thankfully, rain-free evening with champagne and canapes provided by the committee members. A cake with the fundraising total was shared and enjoyed by all present.

JOHN ROBERTS

Night of tension at Vale election count

by TIM CHAPMAN

WHEN Prime Minister Theresa May called a snap general election on April 18, the expectation was that she would stroll untroubled into 10 Downing Street just seven weeks later.

Her mantra was that Britain needed stability and strong leadership as it headed for talks on Brexit.

But controversies over social care funding (labelled a 'dementia tax' by opponents) cuts in police numbers, and refusing to appear in a key TV debate, coupled with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn's strong showing led to a narrowing in the polls.

It meant that when the local political parties gathered for the Vale count at Barry Leisure Centre on Thursday, June 8, there was an air of tension in the hall.

At 10pm, news came through that the broadcasters' exit poll was predicting that the Conservatives would be the largest party, but would fail to secure an overall majority.

What unfolded in the Vale was replicated across the country – a squeeze on the smaller parties, and a return to the domination of the 'Big Two', the Conservatives and Labour.

In the Vale, UKIP's vote collapsed. In 2015, the party polled 5,489 votes – this time, it was down to 868 votes.

Plaid Cymru's vote went down from 2,869 votes to 2,295, but the party's representative Ian Johnson did have the consolation of Plaid coming third in the constituency for the first time.

Alun Cairns increased his vote, receiving 1,894 more votes than in 2015.

Few people could have predicted the local surge in support for Labour.

In 2015, Chris Elmore got 16,727 votes. This time, Camilla Beaven increased the vote to 23,311.

One general election theory was that the Conservatives would hoover up UKIP votes, but it seems that many decided to back Labour.

Alun Cairns was returned as the Vale MP.

Labour's Camilla Beaven increased her party's share of the vote.

Ian Johnson of Plaid Cymru secured third place.

Another theory behind the better-than-expected Labour turnout was that Jeremy Corbyn had succeeded in 'getting out the youth vote'. However, in the Vale, there was little evidence of a big increase in voters, as turnout went from 71 per cent in 2015 to 72 per cent.

The result was announced shortly after 2am.

Alun Cairns said: "I want to continue to be a champion for the Vale of Glamorgan. I'm humbled by the confidence placed in me.

"I want to work with the community, the local authority and the Welsh Government, to build on investment in the Vale."

Mr Cairns said he was particularly keen to attract investment to provide opportunities for young people.

He has now been re-appointed Secretary of State for Wales in the new Cabinet.

In her speech following the result, Camilla Beaven said: "I want to thank my team who have been amazing. I want to continue to campaign for politics with compassion."

Result: Alun Cairns, Conservative 25,501 votes; Camilla Beaven, Labour, 23,311 votes; Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru, 2,295 votes; Jennifer Geroni, Liberal Democrats, 1,020 votes; Melanie Hunter-Clarke, UKIP, 868 votes; Stephen Davis-Barker, Green Party, 419 votes; Sharon Lovell of the Women's Equality Party,177 votes; David Elston, The Pirate Party, 127 votes.

Vale for Africa fundraising GP awarded visiting fellowship

DR Hasmukh Shah, a well-known GP with charitable interests in the Vale, has been awarded a Visiting Fellowship by University of South Wales in recognition of his longstanding and wide-ranging contribution to communities of Wales.

LEFT: Dr Hasmukh Shah.

Dr Shah is a a fundraiser for Vale for Africa, and a trustee or chair of Welsh Hearts, the Hindu Community Centre, MegaFOCUS (Minor Ethnic Association for Opthalmic Care) and a governor of Cardiff's India Centre.

A practising GP in the Rhondda Valley, Dr Shah as a current GP has served his community for more than 30 years.

He has a long standing commitment to education and health through being a member of various organisations in NHS Wales and chairing regular GPs' educational meetings.

He is also a member of Advisory Group for Diabetic Eye Screening Wales.

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News from the Fonmon Apiary

UNSETTLED! No, not me: the weather. As I have mentioned before, the weather plays a significant role in the honeybee's life.

The Fonmon colonies have reflected the very variable weather conditions and as a consequence I have not had any rape honey to take off.

Expansion in the colonies has only just started, and although call-outs to deal with swarms have occupied some of my days the colonies here at Fonmon have not swarmed, or indeed shown any signs of swarming.

However, several colonies are demanding more room and swarming will become an issue before too long.

The securing of swarms has seen me introducing three of them to Fonmon Apiary; now I am aware that this practice is somewhat frowned upon because of the possibility of introducing disease, but over the years I have not had any problems or major outbreaks as a result of adding swarms.

In fact, one of my colonies was not showing any signs of being queen-right and using the newspaper method of introduction, a swarm has been added and now all is well, and the colony is expanding very nicely.

Another of my colonies is in a poly-nuc[-leus box]: it is a cast (small swarm) from last year; however no sign of a queen could be detected so its survival for the coming winter was very much a concern.

A replacement queen was donated by an association member, her introduction went very smoothly and they have come through the winter aided by judicious feeding. Despite our very variable weather they are expanding and the addition of another poly-nuc body has provided them with much-needed space.

A recent visit from the bee inspector has resulted in a clean bill of health and things could not have been better: lots of sun, temperature of 20°C, calm obliging bees and from the bee inspector's point of view, easy access.

Debris collection from the underfloor trays is revealing Varroa mites with severe damage i.e. no legs, holes in their bodies and very black/burnt like shells.

There are ants among the debris; could formic acid be the answer?

Who knows?

HAROLD WILLIAMS

It's Highway 1 revisited for Welsh rugby legends as they support Velindre

RUGBY legends Jonathan Davies and Martyn Williams will lead a bike ride in America in September 2018 to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The popular BBC presenter is president of Velindre, and this will be the third bike ride for the charity, which is very close to his heart.

In 2015, he was awarded an OBE for services to Velindre and cancer patients.

The West Coast Bike ride is an epic 600km cycle challenge, linking San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Highway 1 is famous for running along some of the most beautiful coastline in the USA, leading to its designation as an All-American Road.

The challenging route traverses the movie-magic producing coast of the world, and the twisting, cliff-hugging, 600 kilometre route along the nation's most famous coast will take six days of riding to complete.

Jonathan said: "This will be a very special trip for myself and Martyn William, as we will be celebrating 10 years of supporting Velindre.

"I've done a couple of rides before and they are brilliant events, very challenging but great fun, and the camaraderie ensures everyone gets lots of support.

"Most importantly, the rides raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for Velindre so that they can continue to provide excellent support for cancer patients and their families in Wales."

Andrew Morris head of fundraising at Velindre said: "As we are cycling to Los Angeles, the City of Angels, it seemed appropriate that the money raised should be used be used to fund Velindre's very own angels – our specialist nurses.

"Being diagnosed and dealing with the effects of cancer can be a traumatic time for patients and families; our specialist nurses provide the highest level of supportive care when it is most needed.

"The time a patient first receives the diagnosis of cancer can be a devastating time when the normality of life falls apart. To a patient, and their families, the acceptance of this news – while at the same time being given treatment options – can seem overwhelming.

"Our specialist nurses can help to tailor the delivery of such information to the individual patient's needs.

"Access to this one-to-one personalised approach to care should be available to all cancer patients and their families in Wales.

"It is Velindre Cancer Centre's aim that all patients have access to a named specialist nurse. We want to lead in the delivery and development of compassionate, individualised and effective cancer care. We aim to provide the best care, when people need us most."

The West Coast Bike Rides take place from September 8-16 and 22-30, and for further information, see www.velindrefundraising.com.

Jonathan Davies and Martyn Williams on their bikes.

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT WALK

ON Sunday, June 18, an amazing dinosaur footprint walk takes place starting at 2pm from Sully Church. The walk will last two-and-a-half hours and good boots and refreshments are a must!

On the walk, there will be a rare teleosaurus footprint and a number of dinosaur prints and fossils. There will be stories about the formation of the rock, and some pirate stories too.

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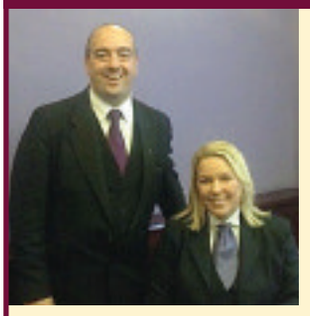

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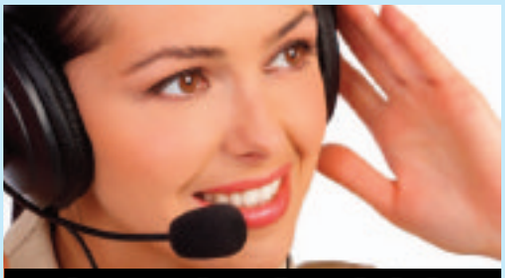

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Vale Council leader's appeal for a re-think on housing targets

THE Leader of the Vale Council has written to the Welsh Government asking for a review of housing targets in the Local Development Plan (LDP).

In the letter, Coun John Thomas says the Government's own statistics prove targets should be reduced significantly, pointing out: "We have a duty to protect and preserve our green spaces for future generations, and the new administration was elected having promised to oppose inappropriate development in the Vale."

Coun Thomas wants a formal meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Carl Sargeant, to discuss the issue.

In his letter to the Cabinet Secretary, Coun Thomas said: "As you will be aware, the Deposit Plan was prepared based upon 2008 data for household projections.

"Additional data has since become available, revealing Welsh Government projections to have been significantly higher than true levels of population growth – data which could enable the authority to significantly reduce housing development targets in the LDP.

"Welsh Government projections for 2011 (published in February 2014) identified a need for a significantly lower figure than that identified within the Deposit LDP.

"Specifically, the 2011-based projections identified a need for just 5,778 dwellings over the lifetime of the LDP (using the principal projections) – or 7,399 dwellings if a 10-year average migration trend was utilised."

Coun Thomas emphasised that both the figures are "significantly below the 9,950 requirement identified within the Deposit Plan".

Coun Thomas says in the letter that the latest projections for 2014 appear to suggest housing targets could be reduced by at least 1,500 properties, and he hopes Welsh Government targets will be reassessed.

NATIONAL TRUST VISIT

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers is planning a four-day spring holiday next year, staying at The Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells from April 20–23 on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

A visit to Powis Castle, excursion to Aberystwyth and a trip on the Vale of Rheidol Railway are included, with shared room prices from £289 per person. Bookings (with deposits payable to Edwards Holidays) can be made at our anniversary celebration at Dyffryn on June 21, or any enquiries to vofgant@gmail.com.

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Armed Forces and Community Day event is on June 24

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SATURDAY, June 24 is Armed Forces' Day (AFD), a time to celebrate, honour and thank the members – past and present – of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force for their commitment, sacrifice and dedication to maintaining the UK's security and safety.

This year, organisers in the Vale are making an extra push to bring together serving and former HM Armed Forces' personnel and their communities, communities they live in, together.

Tony Fitzpatrick, a veteran and one of the organisers, said: "The Vale has around 5,000 veterans living here; that means there can hardly be a family without a relative, male or female, that has served his or her country."

"This," he continued, "is why we organisers, veterans ourselves mostly, have called it the 'Armed Forces and Community Open Day'.

The event, to be held at Sully Sports and Social Club is "...a day for everyone."

The Vale AFD begins at 12 midday and will run until 9.30pm.

Organisers, supported by local businesses and volunteers, promise a family fun-day packed with stalls, activities, food and other refreshments, live music – from Motown to Glenn Miller to country and western and everything in between – and big-screen charity horse racing.

There will be soft-play areas and a bouncy castle for children, static displays and even rodeo riding on a bucking bull.

Proceeds will go to local Armed Forces' and community charities.

Speaking for the organisers, Mr Fitzpatrick said: "Our Armed Forces' veterans and serving personnel, and local community groups, deserve your support and recognition because of their outstanding contribution to the community and country."

Echoing the thoughts of many veterans, serving personnel and their families, he added: "Adult volunteers provide unstinting commitment to tri-service cadet and community groups, enabling whole generations of youngsters to achieve success in their lives and to become better citizens.

Organisers said that the Vale Armed Forces' Day has been made possible only through the hard work of local veterans, cadet forces, members of the local community and local business within the Vale.

"We need to show our support to our Armed Forces," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

A family ticket (two adults & two children) is £25. Single adult tickets are £15, OAP tickets and childre's tickets are £5. Children under 7 go free.

To order tickets, telephone 07766 487062 or search for Armed Forces and Community Open Day on Facebook.

The Welsh Family Business of the Year? It's Leekes!

Matt and Rebecca Leeke are presented the award by Rob Gray from Squad and Paul Andrews from Family Business United.

LEEKES has been named 'Welsh Family Business of the Year' at an award ceremony organised by Family Business United.

The family-owned retailer was recognised at the recent award ceremony in London when Matt Leeke, senior finance manager at Leekes, received the accolade on behalf of the company.

Celebrating the family business sector, the awards are now in their fifth year and recognise the diversity, strength and depth of family firms across the UK and seek to highlight the contribution that family firms make to the UK economy.

Emma Leeke, managing director of Leekes Retail added: "We're very proud of our family-owned and run company and it's an enormous honour to have been recognised with this achievement as we celebrate our 120th anniversary."

Founder and managing director of Family Business United (FBU) Paul Andrews explained: "Leekes is proud to be Welsh, proud to be family-owned and although a lot has changed since they started their business back in 1897, their core values remain the same and they are worthy winners of the title.

"The judges were impressed with the long term view that the business has taken since its inception, their response to changing market conditions, strong family values and continued investment in the business.

"From humble beginnings, the business has grown into a firm supporting families with strong governance and solid financials, a family business that brings ideas to life in doing what they do.

"They represent a great Welsh firm that truly deserves all the plaudits that winning this award brings."

Vale AM hosts 'Great Get Together' event

VALE AM Jane Hutt is hosting a community event as part of the 'Great Get Together' celebration.

The event is a national weekend of events 'inspired' by Jo Cox with the aim of 'bringing communities together'.

Ms Hutt's event will see local choirs perform at a coffee shop on Barry's waterfront. The choirs taking part are Barry Community Choir, Porthkerry Community Choir and Vale People First's Real Lives Choir.

Ms Hutt said: "I am delighted to host the event at one of Barry's great new venues and thrilled that we have three great choirs to enjoy.

"In the wake of terrible atrocities in Manchester and London, it is even more important that we remember the words of Jo Cox's maiden speech when she said 'we have far more in common with each other than things that divide us'.

"I encourage everyone to come along and celebrate what it is that makes us a community in the Vale."

The event is being held on Saturday, June 17, from 2pm to 4pm at Academy Espresso Bar, The Pumphouse, Barry Waterfront (CF62 5BE).

Charles Ward VC, a forgotten hero who died in Bridgend

PHYSICAL Education became an academic subject during the 1930s. Having been a pupil at Barry County School, I returned there as a PE teacher in 1959, changing to maths in 1967 following an injury.

Before, PE, schools often employed physical trainers, usually ex-servicemen. This was the case when the county school opened.

However it was only recently that I discovered that the first person to be the PT instructor was a hero whose name has been omitted from every history of the school which I had read.

Charles Ward was awarded the VC during the Second Boer War. He was also the last person to receive the VC from HM Queen Victoria herself.

Originally from Leeds, he died in 1921 at Bridgend and is buried in St Mary's, Cardiff.

More details, including his citation, can be found on the web under Charles Ward VC.

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Bridgend's Fire Fences wow UEFA Final fans

SATURDAY, June 3 saw Bridgend rock band Fire Fences take to the stage at the UEFA Champions Festival in Cardiff Bay.

As the Welsh Capital hosted the Champions League final between Real Madrid and Juventus, Fire Fences welcomed the exuberant European visitors to the home of the action. The four-piece rock band embraced this particular festival as a once-in-a-lifetime gig that put their name alongside DJ Steve Aoki and Radio 1's Huw Stephens.

Powered by their swaggering stage presence and experience, the four Bridgend boys looked at home as they filled the enormous stage with their sound and style.

Fire Fences were evidently the perfect soundtrack to what was an energetic and passionate day for football lovers world wide. Seeing Juventus and Real Madrid fans stand shoulder to shoulder in appreciation of Fire Fences' anthemic tunes echoed the positive atmosphere that filled sunny Cardiff Bay on that Saturday afternoon. As passers-by found themselves stopping to listen to Fire Fences, the crowd began to grow in its thousands as the boys opened with their catchy tune 'Again and Again'.

The set of all original music which the Bridgend band brought to the crowd provided plenty of variety for everyone to enjoy. From the Arctic Monkeys-esque, gritty guitar riffs of 'Weather' to the rich chordal harmonies of 'House of Cards', Fire Fences demonstrated that they are a band for all people – Welsh, Spanish or Italian!

The Champions Festival saw many arriving solely as football fans but leaving as live music lovers too, as the harmony between football and music became almost tangible thanks to the energy of the football-loving Bridgend band.

The European and Welsh visitors alike awaited the evening's kick-off with the sound of Fire Fences rich in their ears and the love of music and football deep in their hearts.

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'It's good to be part of a team' – SAYS PENARTH VOLUNTEER

AFTER retiring from teaching 12 years ago when we moved to Penarth, my wife said: "You could do that," after seeing an advertisement for a graphic design volunteer in the library.

I have been volunteering ever since with the Vale Volunteer Bureau which evolved into Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS). I use the computer to produce graphic displays, posters and flyers which puts my art training to good use.

I enjoy the challenge of working to realise other colleagues' ideas and it is good to be part of a team. Because I have retired doesn't mean I have stopped learning.

Through my volunteering I have been supported in learning basic first aid, how to use the computer program PhotoShop and learning Welsh.

It is heart-warming to celebrate birthdays and holidays in a caring organisation. At no time have I not looked forward to getting up in the morning to go to work as a volunteer.

Stewart Ward, GVS volunteer

If you would like to find out more about volunteering, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS). on 01446 741706. Email volunteering@gvs.wales Website: www.gvs.wales.

House building 'important to Welsh economy', claims AM

JANE Hutt has spoken of the Welsh Government's 'determination' to help small and medium-sized companies expand.

The Vale Labour AM said small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of the country's economy.

Ms Hutt said the next stage for SMEs is to grow into medium-sized businesses and beyond.

She told AMs: "We remain committed to doing all we can to support them to grow and flourish.

"The construction sector is dominated by SMEs, and that's why the Construction Industry Training Board in Wales is such an important partner.

"Our Construction Futures Wales programme is specifically tailored to assist them to grow as well as looking at the opportunities and the importance of house building — helping to diversify the market, promote innovation, increasing housing supply and assisting Welsh SME builders to grow into the larger enterprises of the future."

MP

Paw camp for 'super-sized' Sassy at the Dogs Trust

A GROSSLY overweight dog has been put on a diet and given a tailored exercise regime to help her get fit for a new home.

Nine-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Sassy, arrived at the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre weighing almost 30kg and needs to lose almost half her body weight – equivalent to the weight of four Yorkshire Terriers – to reach her ideal weight.

To help Sassy lose 10-15kgs, staff have started her on a calorie controlled diet and special bootcamp exercise plan of short daily walks to help her lose weight.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend rehoming centre manager, said: "Sassy is absolutely adorable with a wonderful nature, and now needs help to lose weight so she can play a full part in family life.

"Her weight means she gets tired easily but she is enjoying short strolls on and off the lead here at the centre and is looking for a home where her new owners will be able to take her on regular walks to keep her on track and help her slim down.

"Sassy is a real sweetheart and we're sure that in the right home and with plenty of support, she'll settle in quickly."

Sassy could live with children over eight. She will need a home with easy access in and out through the garden as she 'struggles' with steps.

New owners will need to be patient with her, with exercise to be increased slowly over time.

If you think you can give Sassy the home she is looking for, please call 0300 303 0292 or visit Dogs Trust Bridgend at Court Colman Farm, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG. www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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SUMMER FETE

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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS SWEEP THROUGH WHITMORE BAY

Volunteers at the Barry Island beach clean.

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) staff and its 'Pave the Way' project volunteers spent a happy and productive afternoon on Whitmore Bay collecting litter and dangerous pieces of glass.

The beach clean on June 8 was planned as part of Volunteers' Week 2017, which celebrated and recognised the vast amount and variety of work undertaken by volunteers across the Vale.

GVS supports voluntary groups and promotes volunteering in the Vale. Telephone 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales, or see *www.gvs.wales* for further information.

GREAT GET TOGETHER

IN honour of the late Jo Cox, a 'Great Get Together' event for the community takes place on Sunday, June 18 from 1pm to 4pm at Ewenny community village hall.

There will be a 'fuddle' – a community buffet/picnic where each guest brings enough food/drink for themselves but to share with everyone.

Some musicians will be performing, but more entertainers (child friendly) are welcome to showcase their talents.

A raffle raising funds for local charity Community Furniture Aid will take place as well. Come along and get to know and help your local community.

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THIS MUMMY IS BEYOND CRUMMY IN HUGELY MEDIOCRE BLOCKBUSTER

by GARETH JAMIESON
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EVERYONE needs to have a universe these days. Whether it's the likes of *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter* and their 'extended universes' or the likes of DC and Marvel, a filmic 'universe' not only ties things together but also can mean some serious box office receipts if done correctly.

Universal have pounced on their extensive library of creature features to update them for the 21st century by creating the 'Dark Universe', and while we'll be seeing Javier Bardem as *Frankenstein* and Johnny Depp as the *Invisible Man* in years to come, the first film of this new world is *The Mummy*.

Unconnected to the Brendan Fraser-starring series of the late 90s/early 00s, this film stars Tom Cruise as Nick Morton, a soldier who, after an explosion, discovers the tomb of Ahmanet (Sofia Boutella).

Along with expert Jenny Halsey (Annabelle Wallis), he attempts to investigate the tomb further, but when their plane crashes (and Nick dies – but then comes back to life) the tomb opens – and Ahmanet is free to begin a reign of terror. Nick and Jenny have to team up with Dr Jekyll (yes, that Dr Jekyll) played by Russell Crowe, to try and stop Ahmanet from taking over the world – but Nick may be more connected to Ahmanet than he realises...

It's been a pretty mediocre cinematic summer thus far, with the big blockbusters falling short both critically and commercially; however, just when you thought that *Alien: Covenant* was to be the nadir of this season, along comes *The Mummy*.

And yet it starts so well; some historical context throws you headlong into an Iraq-set sequence where we meet Tom Cruise's Nick Morton. After some impressively staged action, we, along with the characters, stumble upon the tomb of the cursed Ahmanet – and this is where things start going seriously awry, not just for the characters but for the film itself.

If the opening riffs on Indiana Jones (charismatic searcher of antiquities with a roguish edge finds a supernatural haul) then the film then becomes an uncomfortable mix of dark, spooky thriller, adventure and ill-timed and awkward humour.

The fundamentals should make for an engaging film, but Alex Kurtzman's story choices make it faintly ludicrous and laughable, while his seeming need to inject humour to downplay the drama does the film a disservice when it comes to building tension (a dead colleague of Morton's, who keeps popping up to advise him, is strange in execution and injects humour that just feels out of place).

The dialogue is atrocious, clunky in the extreme, and behind the camera, Kurtzman shows his lack of experience with set-pieces that should offer more thrills than they actually do.

The performances are pretty woeful as well; Cruise, as ever, tries to inject his superstar charisma into proceedings but the poor writing of his character means he spends most of the film looking for some inspiration among the bland idiocy that surrounds him.

Sofia Boutella's titular character fares a touch better, the role relying more on her physicality than anything else, which as ever is impressive, but Annabelle Wallis' turn as the expert helping Nick is wooden and Russell Crowe's Dr Jekyll may be a scenery-chewing one for the actor, but comes with more than its fair share of ham.

Considering that this is the opening salvo for a brand new universe for the classic Universal monsters (who get subtle nods), it's rather a damp squib of a film, one that disappoints in terms of tone, performance and spectacle. Its constant desire to explain and build story detracts from its momentum, and leaves you feeling disappointed.

Rather than constructing a film that offers up jumps, thrills 'n' spills, Kurtzman has made a film that doesn't really seem to know what it wants to be – is it a horror, an action-adventure or a glib and knowing piece of blockbuster fluff?

A hefty dose of the first would have been welcome, but its overuse of the latter two means that *The Mummy* should have been left secreted away rather than awoken to unleash its own particular brand of cinematic doom.

VERDICT: A very mediocre blockbuster, *The Mummy* is a film that is tonally awkward, poorly written and directed, and lacks decent performances. Not even Tom Cruise's movie star ability can rescue this car-crash of a film, one that stutters and should have stayed wrapped up. *One to avoid*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* (2001), *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981).

Dyffryn House book sale aims to restore fountain

LOOKING for some pool side reading for an upcoming summer holiday?

See what literary gems you can discover in Dyffryn Gardens' Big Book Weekend and help to restore the Great Lawn fountain.

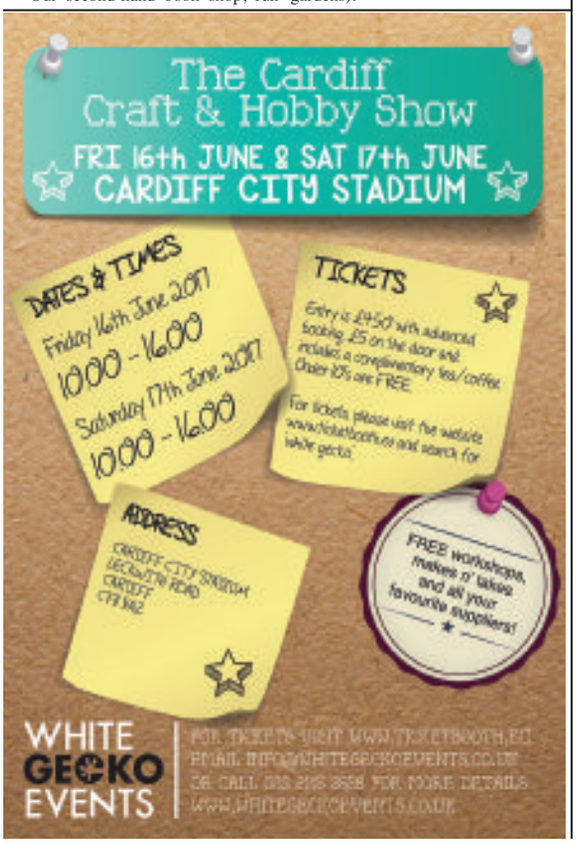
The majestic Edwardian gardens and Victorian mansion house of Dyffryn will host a second-hand book fair on June 24 and 25, from 10:30am – 4pm.

Hundreds of donated books will be displayed on the south terrace. Proceeds from the sale will go to the restoration of the fountain pool at the end of the Great Lawn.

"Our second-hand book shop, run by our dedicated team of volunteers in Dyffryn House, is very popular among our visitors all year round. From March 2016 to February 2017 we managed to raise over £15,000 from book sales alone," commented visitor experience officer Nina Batram.

"People in the community are very generous and have donated all sorts of books. We have got a great collection of novels, autobiographies and children's books on offer, so there really is something for everyone."

Normal admission prices will apply on entry for the day. Find out about other events at Dyffryn Gardens on (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens).



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Country Market

COME to Cowbridge Country Market in the Lesser Hall on Friday, June 16 to celebrate 50 years in business.

The market opens as usual at 9.30am with visits by dignitaries at 11am, followed by prosecco and birthday cake.

There will be a free raffle for all customers on the day.

Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery on Saturday, June 17 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square from 10am until 11am. No appointment is necessary.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, June 17 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents with any issues to raise are welcome to attend.

Music and Flower Festival

ON Saturday, June 17 there is a Music and Flower festival at All Saints' Church in Porthcawl, 10.45am until early evening.

Run in conjunction with Porthcawl Town Council, donations will be made to the Mayor's charity fund.

There will be musical interludes, floral demonstrations, and an art exhibition.

The church will be decorated by Porthcawl Floral Arrangement Society, interpreting the theme 'The Musicals.' More information from 01656 782215.

Messy Church

ON June 18 from 2.30pm – 4pm Messy Church will take place in Bonvilston Reading Room.

Activities for all of the family, including food and refreshments. This will take place on the third Sunday of every month.

For more information call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, June 18 at 2pm a Monknash to St Donat's circular walk; meet at the Plough & Harrow pub.

On Wednesday, June 21, the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park at 10.30am.

On the same day, meet at the town hall car park in Llantwit Major at 2.30pm.

On Thursday, June 22 at 10am – Down The Valley; meet at The Red Lion pub in Bonvilston (CF5 6TR).

Painting class

PORTHCAWL and District Art Society will hold a watercolour class on Sunday, June 18 at 2pm in The Old Police station, John Street, Porthcawl. All are welcome.

Atal y Fro

DOMESTIC violence and abuse can happen to anyone, but support and advice is available from Atal y Fro, an organisation in the Vale of Glamorgan.

They will hold an advice session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm on Tuesday, June 20 when you can chat to a member of the team for advice and support.

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Lovely Llantwit Major has it all!

ANY day is a good day to take a stroll through Llantwit Major, but a warm and sunny afternoon with the faintest of zephyrs blowing through the historic town is surely one of the best, ***writes ANDY JOHNSTONE*****.**

And it was one such recent Friday, that The GEM took a post-luncheon meander through the bustling town.

For the uninitiated, the town is a mix of... well, everything one could need.

Free parking? Yes. Good transport links, including a railway station? Yes. Independent shops – from supermarkets to toy shops, from health-food shops to gift shops, from a butcher to boutique fashions – Llantwit Major has them all, and many events throughout the year.

'Cobblers? yes, even one of those, which also offers a key-cutting service.

Yet it is not just high-street shopping the town boasts. Cafes and pubs grace every few yards of the town. It has a wealth of hairdressers and beauty parlours, including for cats and dogs. It is also well catered for in terms of the service sector. Dentists, estate and lettings agents, podiatrists and solicitors, the town covers all elements of the sector.

Llantwit is one of those 'Goldilocks' towns; neither too big nor too small, it is just right.

Here are a few highlights of what to find in and around Llantwit Major.

One of the stars of the town is Sloan & Co. A familiar favourite for some 30-odd years, and now run by the second generation of the same family on the same site in Pound Field, it has a number of USPs, including a price promise of 'Nothing more than £45.'

Brighter and more airy since a recent refit, the boutique brings some of the best of Continental fashion to the Vale, easily giving some bigger towns, cities and shopping centres a run for their money.

With up-to-the-minute styles laid out by colour, not size – Stuart Sloan advises that it caters for ladies up to size 26 – with new deliveries every three days, it carries at least 500 lines at any one time.

"The refit and colour blocks," said Simon, who honed his fashion retail teeth in Oxford Street, "make for what I like to term 'easy shopping' for our dynamic clientele aged 35 and over ."

Bright and bold, and cool and classy, the styles create a rainbow palette in the shop. easy on the eye, and easy on the pocket.

Sloan & Co, 8 Pound Field, Llantwit Major, CF61 1DL. Tel.: 07795 829598.

Llantwit Major Victorian Fair Day has been celebrated in Llantwit Major since it was established in 1982. However this certainly wasn't the first Llantwit Fair day.

Llantwit Fair has been held on the nearest day to June 24 since as far back as Mediaeval times to celebrate St Bartholomew's Day.

Ironically they were held around the Court House, which is now the Town Hall, they would be a chance for farmers to bring and sell their stock, and to hire new staff.

After the serious business was dealt with, it was a chance for them to let their hair down meet other folk, have some fun and maybe even mix the bucolic with a glass of something alcoholic, rather like today .

However, the Lord of Glamorgan controlled the day, and would probably taken a fair share, with his reeve (his agent) raising his glove to start proceedings and finishing when the glove was lowered.

In the '20s and '30s, the arrival of travelling fairgrounds and circuses added to the enjoyment, and the fairs continued all the way up to the Second World War.

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Welcome to Llantwit Major

From the town Mayor Coun Jayne Norman

AS Mayor of Llantwit Major, I feel very proud and privileged to live in such a historic and beautiful town.

Its phenomenal heritage of education and religion, and of agriculture and trade, have built Llantwit into what it is today.

The lovely old buildings such as the town hall and the old schoolhouse, and the magnificent restoration recently undertaken of the Galilee Chapel in the wonderful St Illtud's Church, are a joy to welcome any visitor.

Llantwit Major is a thriving town that successfully combines the old and the new.

It provides the residents with access to some of the major retailers while still managing to retain a healthy number of independently owned and run businesses, such as clothes shops, florists, garden centre, gifts shops, plus a health food shop, chiropodists, physiotherapists, dentists and opticians.

Our sporting facilities are not to be overlooked either, with much on offer such as archery, boxing, bowls, cricket, rugby and football, and not forgetting our recently re-opened and very successful tennis club.

We are also very fortunate to have our leisure centre and swimming pool. And, of course, we have managed to keep our library!

We have several public houses, many of which serve meals, and you are spoilt for choice when it comes to restaurants and cafes. All tastes are catered for. You need never go hungry here!

The hard work of our 'Llantwit in Flower' group and some of the shop owners ensure the main road through the town always looks bright and inviting, with beautiful floral displays and hanging baskets.

We have been fortunate enough this year to restart our Chamber of Trade, which has built a very strong membership. This can only be a good thing for the town, and will help to encourage new businesses to settle here.

Also, this year sees our biennial Victorian Fair Day, being held on Saturday, June 24.

It will be a great day out with market stalls and events going on all day. There promises to be something for all the family to enjoy.

I hope, in my year as Mayor, to look into the possibility of reforming the Town Twinning Association, and re-establish the links with Le Pouliguen.

Unfortunately this lapsed a few years ago, but I think it may be a worthwhile exercise to get it up and running again.

If anyone is at all interested in supporting me in this venture, contact the Town Hall on 01446 793707.

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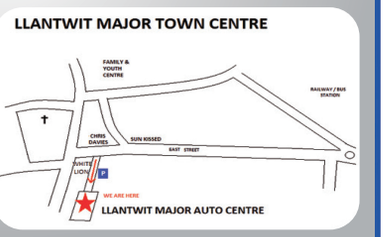

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LEFT: Sloan & Co for all your ladies fashion needs.

RIGHT: Vale Solicitors are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year.

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Even stranger is the fact that everyone who has ever been to the Victorian Fair Day knows the weather is not always kind.

There are two separate records from diaries kept that detail:

Drizzle showers and cold (1929)

and

Rained all afternoon and night (1938).

Fast-forward to more modern times the Victorian Fair as we know now was introduced in 1982 and continues as a bi-annual event ever since.

This year, organisers have altered the format slightly to coincide with Llantwit Major's regular markets. They have decided to keep the main market stalls in the usual place on the precinct and use the town hall as a children's area with a circus school and entertainment, as well as a fairground and a laser shooting range.

This part of town is also being turned in to a food area with lots of different foods to tempt visitors watching and listening to the stage event featuring local talented musicians, choirs and DJ Ed Risby.

Spread out around the square will be charity stalls that will be raising money and awareness of their causes, which organisers hope will be supported by visitors.

This summer, St Donat's Arts Centre is delighted to welcome a return visit from Ilyria Outdoor Theatre Company with *Pride and Prejudice* on Sunday July 16, and perennial favourite, *The Mikado* on August Bank Holiday Monday.

And if you're looking for a great way to occupy the kids this summer, look no further than Atlantic Outdoors Activity Camps taking place in July and August.

The ever-popular outdoor cinema screenings continue in August with *Elvis: That's the Way It Is*, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the King's death. *Singin' In The Rain* and *The Blues Brothers* in September complete 2017's outdoor cinema season.

See www.stdonats.com for booking details or call 01446 799100.

Quest was a familiar name on Llantwit Major's roster of hairdressers and beauticians, and now, following new management, it has become Victoria's Quest.

The eponymous new owner is Viki, who, with some 35 years' experience in all fields of hairdressing, has amassed a further four ladies – Sunette, Mich, Gemma and Cora – to welcome customers old and new for a dazzling range of treatments.

Now stocking Goldwell colour and Goldwell styling ranges, Victoria's Quest can not only cut, colour and style one's hair, but also tint lashes, tint brows and shape them.

Perfect for a summer wedding or evening do, or the sort of quick pick-me-up every woman likes.

Victoria's Quest, 4 Barons House, East street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XY. Search for Victoria's Quest on Facebook, telephone 01446 793563 or email vikimortimer@googlemail.com.

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As such an attractive place to live, shop and work, the next logical step is to move to Llantwit Major.

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Bob Morgan of Brighter Moves said: "Advertising of properties is essential, which is why we subscribe to Rightmove, Zoopla and The GEM. Above what online agencies can do, we offer accompanied viewings with essential local knowledge of the areas. We promise optimum property promotion and a sensible fee structure.

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Lots to love about Llantwit

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Vale Solicitors, found at No 1 Boverton Road in Llantwit Major (and also in Barry), celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

As members of Legal Network Wales and with a number of Law Society accreditations, the firm offers access to legal advice and assistance in every aspect of the Law.

Michael Morgan, director of Vale Solicitors, said: "The firm leads the development of mediation in Wales, and are accredited as Family Mediators by the Law Society and as Civil and Commercial Mediators by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and we chair The Association of Wales and Border Counties Mediators."

Mr Morgan said that, to mark the 150th anniversary of the firm, its offices in Llantwit Major will be open on Victorian Fair Day on June 24.

He said: "Call in for sherry and cake, and to collect a free will voucher. Subject to terms and conditions, wills will be prepared free of charge in return for a donation or legacy to The Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

Vale Solicitors, 1 Boverton Rd, Boverton, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XZ. For more information visit www.valesolicitors.com or call 01446 792535.

Vale Podiatry moved to its new premises in Llantwit Major some eight months ago.

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"We treat all foot conditions, and with a wide experience of working in private and NHS clinics we can offer the full service.

"Make sure your feet are in safe hands and check that your health professional is registered with the HCPC on www.hpc-uk.org/audiences/membersofthepublic.

Vale Podiatry, 1A Barons Close, East Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XY. Tel 01446 790199 or visit valepodiatry.co.uk.

Hungry? Thirsty? Had such a lovely time in Llantwit Major that you want to spend the night nearby? The Victoria Inn, in Sigingstone, just outside Llantwit Major, is a busy freehouse that is going from strength to strength and suits any visitor down to the ground.

With a dog-friendly bar, the family-owned and run pub, restaurant and 4 star B&B (the Welsh Tourist Board rates it as 4.4 stars) is in its 12th year. The owners said: "We have worked our butts off to achieve this high level of service and cuisine!

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FUNERAL OF ALD. THOMAS REES, COWBRIDGE.

The remains of Alderman Thomas Rees, solicitor, Cowbridge, were interred at the Cowbridge Parish Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was prominently identified with the public affairs of Cowbridge and the district all his life, and he will be greatly missed. He held various public appointments, and at the time of his death was an alderman of the Town Council, a governor of the Cowbridge Intermediate School, and a trustee of the Cowbridge Institute. He was also a director of the Taff Vale Railway. The funeral, although confined to gentlemen, was of very large proportions. The blinds of the houses in the town were all drawn in token of sympathy and respect, and the flag on the old Town Hall was at half-mast. The chief mourners were the deceased's nephews, Mr W. F. Gwyn, town clerk of Cowbridge; Mr G. J. Gwyn, solicitor, Cowbridge; Mr D. G. Gwyn, manager of the Metropolitan Bank, Bridgend; and Mr Richard Rees, London; and his grand nephews, Masters Vivian and Arthur Gwyn. The cortege was headed by the borough police.

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Our offices in Llantwit Major will be open for The Victorian Fair Day on 24th June .
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The Victoria Inn's owners continued: "We pride ourselves on home-cooked traditional fayre and have an extensive menu, and we use local produce where possible.

The culinary reputation of the Victoria Inn, which has four en-suite luxury rooms, is well known.

"Our customers rave over the quality food, steaks, Welsh lamb roast dinner and good-sized portions, fine wines and ales (again some local), as well as our fantastic service and welcoming atmosphere.

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Times past. These photographs were taken at the 2015 Victorian Fair Day.

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RNLI Lifeboat launched to Sully Island

PENARTH inshore D class lifeboat was launched on Tuesday evening, June 13 to Sully Island where five people were in immediate danger of being cut off by the tide.

A spokesman for Penarth Lifeboat Station said: "The five made it back to shore against the incoming tide. All were reported to be safe and well.

"As our 'D class' was about to return, a jet boat with three people on board broke down very near to the causeway and the jet boat was towed back to the safety of Cardiff Bay where it was met by Penarth Coastguard Rescue Team."

On May 28, the lifeboat station launched two boats after two people were reported to be in the water at Sully Island – one of them was taken to hospital by ambulance.

The speed of the incoming tide at Sully Island can take people by surprise.

In 2014 a traffic light warning system was introduced on the mainland, adjacent to the car park at the Captain's Wife, to warn people of times when it is dangerous to cross to the island.

Local history will feature in Penarth LitFest

THE programme for this year's Penarth Literature Festival from July 7-10, is available from festival sponsor Griffin Books on Windsor Road, Penarth Library and many other locations around the town.

Local history features strongly in this year's festival, with three events to suit all interests.

On Friday, July 7 at 4pm, the former *Gavin and Stacey* actor Johnny Tudor will discuss his recent biography of Welsh songbird Dorothy Squires, who was at one time married to the late Sir Roger Moore.

On the evening of Saturday, July 8, in collaboration with the Friends of St Augustine's, an event will be held to mark the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele.

Local historian Dr Jonathan Hicks will be giving a talk based on his latest book, *The Welsh at Passchendaele*, starting at 6pm.

Then on Sunday, July 9 at 2pm, former Welsh education minister Huw Lewis will be discussing his memoir of growing up in Aberfan after the tragic events with cultural historian and author Dai Smith.

To book tickets for these and all other Penarth Literature Festival events, go to www.griffinbooks.co.uk, or contact Griffin Books on 02920 706455 for further information.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Temporary Road Closure Order, Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

LLANTWIT MAJOR VICTORIAN FAYRE

24th June 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in columns 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services and Coastguard vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

SCHEDULE 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Saturday 24th June 2017	**Wine Street**, throughout its length, **Church Street**, throughout its length, **Commercial Street**, throughout its length, **Wesley Street**, throughout its length. **The un-named lane that runs through the Town Hall car park** from its junction with Church Street (next to the Town Hall) in a south westerly direction through the car park to the south eastern boundary of a property known as the Old Bakehouse. **Colhugh Street** from its junctions with Church Street for a distance of 40m, in a southerly direction. **Boverton Road**, between East Street and Stallcourt Avenue, **College Street** throughout its length **Church Lane** throughout its length **Burial Lane** will be closed at its junction with Church Street, **The Strand,** throughout its length **East Street,** between the Strand and Durell Street	From 8.00am To 5.00pm

Local Signed Diversions shall be in place

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Vale for Africa

VALE for Africa is holding a 'Summer Serenade on Sunday, July 16 in Llantwit Major.

Vale For Africa is a Vale-based charity that works to improve health and education in the Tororo district of Uganda. Its projects include an eyecare programme, a motorcycle ambulance scheme, a library scheme and a scholarship programme that enables a student from Tororo to study at the world renowned Atlantic College in St Donats in the Vale.

The Summer Serenade is being held at The Old Vicarage, Llantwit Major (CF61 1F) from 3pm until 6pm. Tickets for the event, which features jazz band Hot Strings Café, cost £10 to include barbecue meal and first drink. Tickets for children under 10 years of age cost £5.

Tickets are available from annettedobbs40@gmail.com or sian.tesni@btinternet.com.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 12 are as followed:

First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 57.44 per cent; second, Dave Lee and Bill Turner, 56.25 per cent; third, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 54.76 per cent.

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Could you join the Mountain Search and Rescue Team?

THE Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team is recruiting new volunteer members to join its operational team.

This weekend saw the 40th callout of 2017 for the Western Beacons Mountain Search and Rescue Team. That figure made the first half of 2017 even busier for the team's volunteer members than the first half of 2016 – a year which in itself saw the team respond to a record number of callouts in its 52-year history.

With this ever-increasing demand on its volunteer team members seemingly set to continue, the Western Beacons team is inviting applications from people aged 18 and over who are keen to learn more about joining the upcoming intake of trainees.

Speaking about what the team looks for in new trainee members, spokesperson Trevor James, said: "You don't need to be an expert mountaineer or climber to join – but a keen interest in the outdoors would be beneficial. A desire to help people in distress is essential."

Operating from its main base at Sarn in Bridgend and a new satellite base which opened at Pontardawe in the Swansea Valley in March of this year, the team will consider potential new members from across south and mid Wales, but is particularly keen to hear from anyone close to either its main or satellite base.

Covering its own 'patch' of around 2,400 square miles that extends as far west as Pembrokeshire and as far east as Penarth, team members never know what the next callout could be.

Aside from the rescue of lost and injured hill walkers, climbers and mountain bikers, an ever-growing and substantial amount of the team's callouts focuses on searching for missing and vulnerable children and adults, ranging from children with autism, elderly people with dementia or people deemed to be at a high risk of committing suicide.

Additionally, in the last year the team was called out to attend varied incidents as RTCs where vehicles had left the road, fallen or thrown horse riders, a rolled 4x4 vehicle and even a dog stuck on a ledge at a disused quarry – which was quickly and safely recovered and returned to its owner.

Deputy team leader Andrew Evans said: "What the team does can often be very demanding; demanding physically and demanding emotionally, such as when we sadly have to deal with fatalities.

"However, the sense of personal achievement in reuniting a missing person with their loved ones or in making sure that an injured person is swiftly evacuated is immensely satisfying."

Anyone interested in joining the team should email the team secretary at secretary@westernbeacons.org.uk.

Peterston Flower Show

THIS is a hugely popular village show held in the church and community hall in Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, June 24.

Entries are expected in the cookery, craft, vegetable, floral art, painting and photographic classes. The Potting Shed sells plants at bargain prices.

Come early and sample the delicious tea, coffee and cakes. Doors open at 2.30pm – 5pm.

Readers' Letters

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WHERE ARE BARRY'S EVACUATION PLANS?

I AM a property owner in Barry town I am writing to you following advice from First Minister Carwyn Jones' office.

My community and becoming increasingly worried about the construction of the Barry dock gasification incinerator being built at the bottom of my street.

I cannot find, neither have I been made aware of, any emergency plans in place for residents of which I need to be advised immediately as my property is situated at the Dock View Road end of Castleland Street.

The approximate density of properties in these streets is as follows: 120 Castleland Street, which includes 175 St Mary's avenue, 120 Station Street, 120 Cross Street, 117 Dock View Road.

If there is ever a need to evacuate the local properties due to stock pile fire or – God forbid – explosion, what would be the procedure or your advice for myself, partner, my two daughters and my neighbours in the event of an emergency?

Will residents be made aware of early warning systems and when will they be in place?

In the event of an evacuation whose control will the evacuation be under, the fire service? Or the local police?

The only escape via vehicle in the event of evacuation would be Dock View Road and Cross Street which both are very narrow, these densely populated streets can only accommodate one car passing at a time! There would be unmanageable gridlock.

If the only escape then was by foot, who would be in receipt of the control of the procedures to evacuate the immobile, the elderly, disabled and young of our community?

How will this heavily populated area safely evacuate? Please advise.

Finally, when safely evacuated where would the evacuated people be relocated?

Look forward to your immediate response.

I/we require a written risk assessment on the worst-case scenario and a detailed procedure for myself and my neighbours to elevate safety concerns and restore peace of mind.

Leon Robertson, Barry.

Facts are not 'scaremongering'

I AM deeply concerned once again to have read Anne Moore's attempt at convincing Vale residents that the incinerator decision was out of the council's hands.

She stated: "All the rhetoric and misleading information that was spread by many people before the election was just 'scaremongering', designed to mislead the voting public and they succeeded."

In addition, as per quotes in the *Barry & District News* article on March 30, Coun Neil Moore described some of the reports which have surfaced as "scaremongering at the worse level I have ever seen" and which is "causing a great distress to very many people".

All of these statements are themselves outlandish, misleading and unfounded.

There existed an opportunity with which to abstain! In fact, two council members did. The council's vote should be one that is conducted without scrutiny, fear of retribution or legal action.

Much like a 'plea of ignorance' , the 'hands tied' statement is no defence.

I would direct the councillors to the Capita report that was commissioned by Barry Town Council and the 12 pages of the Natural Resources Wales Schedule 5 notice.

Both clearly raise strong issues with the integrity of the data used by Biomass regarding the plants functionality and technical rationale.

The Capita report concernedly states: "Extreme harm". This is not surprising, as Biomass have prepared their application under the wrong set of fire-risk rules, and have also 'forgotten' to mention the town's schools, nurseries, playgrounds and shops downwind of their incinerator.

How can it be "scaremongering" to point out these worrying facts?

The Moores also appear to avidly reject regional, national and international comparisons in a categorical dismissal of counter evidence.

With fires at waste facilities nationwide and the recent Poolbeg incident in Dublin resulting in 11 hospitalisations, this further highlights the questionability of statements made about 'best practises and best available technology' actually being realistic or, indeed, true.

What expertise do the Moores have regarding industrial incineration?

In addition, The Fife decision is of relevance; Max Wallis is a scientist and the aforementioned reports are from independent industry experts. Are the Moores denouncing the validity of the reports and the multitude of concerns that the reports raise?

The grave communal concern over safety and health therefore continues to exist.

K J Knight, Barry.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

THE final meeting of the Vale Stroke Support Group before its summer break takes place at Llantonian Hall this coming Tuesday, June 20, from 2pm until 4pm.

It will include a visit from a ukulele band. The group will then meet up next in September.

Barry RFC lottery draw

THERE were no winners again this week in the Barry RFC lottery.

The numbers were 02, 07, 18 and 23; the jackpot now rolls over to £5,100 this week.

AJ

It is not only the Conservatives that have post-election problems

THE media have been particularly savage in their criticism of the Conservative Party in general and their leader Theresa May in particular, following their failure to strengthen their authority following the election on June 8.

Time alone will reveal what measures the party will take in an attempt at damage limitation and this could result in a change of leader.

However it is naive to think that the election result has only brought challenges for the Tories.

From the day he was appointed as leader of the Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn has faced a barrage of opposition from within his own party.

His left wing views, his association with several terrorist organisations including the IRA, and other factors were all voiced as reasons why he should not lead the party.

Here in Wales, our First Minister claimed that Welsh Labour was different from the national Labour Party and the attitude in Wales for Jeremy Corbyn was at best lukewarm.

When the Labour manifesto was launched with re-nationalisation of certain industries, borrowing our way out of austerity, increasing taxes and the abolition of university tuition fees even more scorn was poured on their leader.

Then during the campaign he made the offer that up to £30bn more would be spent on writing off the student loan debts of all those who have graduated since tuition fees were introduced.

The reaction was horror and concern that the party would lose a large number of seats on polling day. The reality is that the party did better than expected. But what happens now?

Do those MPs who opposed their leader suddenly declare their support of him and his policies? Do they attempt to water down those policies? Whatever happens all is not well within the Labour Party.

The elephant in the room for the Liberal Democrats is their refusal to accept any form of Brexit and despite increasing the number of seats in the House of Commons remain on the fringes of politics.

The election was a disaster for UKIP who are now leaderless and rudderless.

Despite an increase in seats won Plaid Cymru failed to win seats in the areas of established Labour dominance and it appears that despite their best efforts, they will never break that mould.

The dream of the SNP of a separation from the Union via a successful referendum received a heavy blow on June 8 and Nichola Sturgeon will be looking over her shoulder.

All in all, an interesting political situation for all the parties and we must not let the media persuade us that it is only the Conservative Party that faces challenge, as that is simply far from the truth.

Also of course, the Conservatives remain the party with the most seats in the House of Commons and retain the keys to No 10.

Gareth Jones, Colwinston.

RHOOSE

The perfect place for COAST & COUNTRY living

There's something so special about life in Rhoose...

THERE'S a feeling that you get when driving and walking around Rhoose that is hard to define at first, but you soon realise why it is such a popular community.

It comes from the sense that you are high above your surroundings, because wherever you are in the community, it is only a short walk to the cliffs that give such stunning views out over the Bristol Channel, and along the Heritage Coast.

Behind you lies the vast, flat expanse of the airport, which inevitably is the driving economic force behind the community, so you get the feeling that you are simultaneously high up on a plateau – and still close to the sea.

It seems to have its own micro-climate, because you soon notice the mature palm trees that are growing in various locations!

It goes to explain why Rhoose is thought to be the fastest growing community in the Vale. In recent years, new houses have been built in prime spots to take advantage of those breathtaking views, and more are being built at the moment, on available land near the main street.

The railway station was added relatively recently (12 years ago) and this has helped attract commuters to the area. It's not far from the capital city, and yet a world away.

However, the recent influx has strengthened the community in Rhoose, providing extra customers for businesses that, in some communities, have struggled.

A great view from the terrace at Fontygary Leisure Park.

Rhoose's main street has everything you could want, with cafes, hairdressers, a barber's, dog groomers, food stores, and much more.

There's a community feel, and it retains a social club (soon to be staging a music festival, *see facing page*) and a community hall that hosts a wide range of activities for all ages, from mothers and toddlers to dance and exercise classes, from karate to WI meetings and OAP clubs.

The Fontygary Inn is also well aware of that community feel. Landlord Kevin Eade told The GEM that support from the local community was important for any pub these days.

He and his wife Kerry celebrated their 10th anniversary in business in Rhoose last year, something they put down to local support.

The arrival of the railway station 12 years ago did not just help to attract commuters – it made people in the area more aware of Rhoose.

The Vale of Glamorgan railway service runs from Barry to Bridgend, and Rhoose is a regular stop now, as people going to the airport make use of the bus shuttle link.

They might be passing through Rhoose, but the vista makes a strong impression, and people often return to visit.

What's more, visitors struck by Rhoose's stunning views are drawn back, and the Fontygary Leisure Park goes out of its way to offer them a complete package.

It's home to static caravans, and welcomes touring campers, but more than that it has a range of facilities that are well used by the community.

Its cafe terrace is a perfect place to relax and take in the views, while the gym and health centre are popular with locals.

The coastal path runs through Rhoose, although at the moment there is a modest detour inland, after a rock fall that was a shade too close to the path for comfort.

Rhoose Point is, of course, the southernmost tip of Wales, which is a claim to fame, but the community is much more than a reference point on a map.

Spend just a few hours here and you realise that the 'fastest-growing' tag is quite understandable – and you will plan to return soon!

PHILIP IRWIN

The Fontygary Inn.

Fontygary Inn is part of the Rhoose family

IT's not difficult to work out when a pub is doing things the right way.

If the landlord and/or landlady changes every few years then it's not a good sign.

So, when you realise that Kevin and Kerry Eade celebrated their 10th anniversary at the Fontygary Inn last year, that's a pretty solid sign that they are getting things right.

The formula, says Kevin, is not that complicated: good food, good beer, and a warm welcome to all, including families with children.

They put on quiz nights, have live music Fridays and Saturdays, and starting Saturday June 24, the pub will be opening up at 8am for the three British Lions v All Blacks test matches – with breakfast available.

The pub has visitors from the nearby leisure parks, of course, but it equally has strong roots in the community. That connection has helped word get around about the inn's Sunday lunches, which are now so popular that booking is advisable.

Kevin said: "I love the fact that we have so many bright young local people who we train as bar staff – and then see them go off to university or college – who then come back as customers to tell us how they are doing."

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The festival will be in the open air at The Rhoose Social Club (above).

Getting ready to rock for Rhoose's Summer Music Day!

IT'S only in its third year, but it looks as if the Rhoose Summer Music day is now a regular feature in the village.

Once again, it will be held in the open air at the Rhoose Social Club. All the acts are lined up for July 8 (2pm to 11pm), and a good variety of music is on offer.

The music day was started by Jamie Bagnall and Ryan Sutton and this year – for the first time – Jamie's band, Brother Steve, will be playing the festival. The band has been together for 10 years now, and have built up a substantial following.

Black Jam Circus recently released a new album and they will be bringing their blend of rock, ska and pop to Rhoose.

Sugarline re-formed this year after a gap of some years, and they are playing the festival for the first time.

In their earlier incarnation they released an album and they still have a loyal, local following.

Finally Cabin Fever, who have been building a solid reputation with their acoustic songs, should be a popular addition to the festival line-up.

Throughout the day there will be a DJ and guest acts. Tickets for Rhoose Summer Music are priced at £10 and are available from their website *www.RhooseSummer.co.uk*

Tickets are also available from selected shops. These include The Spar on Fontygary Road, Rhoose, and Bagnall's Barbers, Holton Road, Barry.

THE SIX BELLS – the quintessential village pub

The Six Bells in Penmark is noted for a great dining experience with locally produced food.

FROM Rhoose, it's a short hop to Penmark, where the Six Bells offers a quintessential village pub experience.

The co-owner James Barnsley told the GEM: "We've been running the Six Bells for almost nine years now, and we are proud of all the traditional elements we offer.

"There's a beer garden at the front and the back, home-cooked food, real ales and we are disabled friendly with a large car park.

"We also have a function room available for all types of events."

The Six Bells has its own free range chickens, which means of course that free range eggs are on sale in the pub!

James believes that a pub needs to be part of its community, and The Six Bells has done its bit there, sponsoring the 'Penfest' music event, which has grown in popularity.

It's now in its 10th year, and this year will be on Saturday, September 2.

Posh Pawz Salon & Spa celebrates fifth anniversary!

LEFT: Jo and Kath at Posh Pawz are celebrating the fifth anniversary of their successful dog grooming business.

IN June 2012 the owners of Posh Pawz, Kath and Jo, invited Wales' football international Craig Bellamy to open their new business venture 'Posh Pawz' set in the heart of Rhoose.

Since then, the salon and spa has gone from strength to strength and is now celebrating its fifth anniversary.

Professional K9 beauticians Jo and Kath and trainee groomer Maddie Davies provide a real one-to-one service. They have created a safe, clean, fully air-conditioned environment in which your best friend receives the very best of care.

Freshen up baths, full spa treatments, grooming which includes ear plucking, nail clipping and gland treatment – the ladies provide it all.

The salon also features a colourful display of doggie products such as coats, toys, treats, leads, harnesses, collars, medical items (wormers, flea sprays) and doggie and cat shampoos.

Posh Pawz is open from 9.30pm to 6pm from Tuesday to Friday, and from 9.30pm to 4pm on Saturdays.

The ladies advise clients to book appointments well in advance: telephone 01446 710044.

Sublime Hair says: 'Book for your hair or beauty treatment now'

Newly-appointed qualified stylist Claire.

SUBLIME HAIR at 4 Stewart Road, Rhoose is a classic independent business – local staff providing a friendly, professional service to local people with clients coming from the village and surrounding area.

The salon is ultra-modern, light and spacious, offering stylish haircuts, colourings and beauty treatments.

Sublime Hair also has its own beauty therapist carrying out treatments for nails, lashes, waxing and even mini-facials.

The opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am to 5pm; Friday, 9am to 7pm; and Saturday, 8.30am to 3pm.

The salon also uses top brands such as Kitoko, Affinage and Olaplex.

Vanessa and the staff would like to welcome Claire, qualified stylist formerly of Kajo, Barry.

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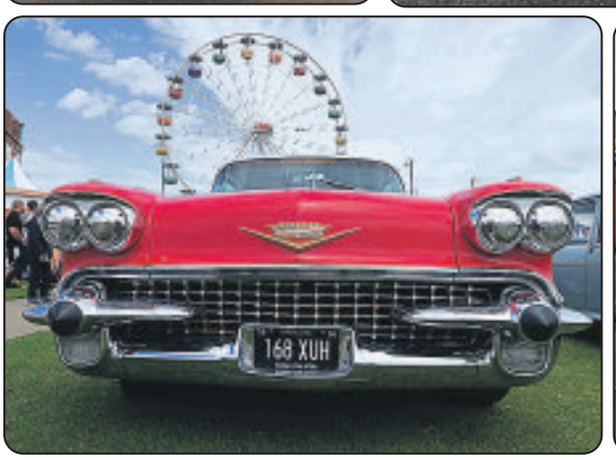
GOOD weather prevailed and helped bring the crowds to Barry island for the Barry Festival of Transport last weekend. From Jags to a BMW Isetta, and buses to scooters, and Yank tanks to the VW 'People's Car', there was something for everyone.



VALE RESORT IS THE PLACE FOR SPORTING AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS

FROM Gareth Bale to Gianluigi Buffon and Jamie Roberts to Joe Root, the Vale Resort is welcoming back-to-back international sporting legends this summer as an unprecedented number of world-famous athletes set up camp in Hensol, south Wales.

An aerial view of sports pitches at the Vale Resort.

The four-star resort is used to hosting leading sports teams, thanks in large part to its world-class sports facilities and award-winning golf course, but the British and Irish Lions tour coinciding with the Champions League has contributed to an exceptionally exciting season for the 650-acre destination.

Since the Lions' arrival in May, the hotel has been inundated with world-renowned athletes. The 143-room resort has welcomed four major sports sides this week alone, including the England and Pakistan cricket teams, and Wales' national rugby and football sides.

"It's shaping up to be a phenomenal summer for us," said Paul Beddoe, sales and marketing director at the Vale Resort. "We are thrilled so many fantastic teams continue to choose us as their hosts when preparing for important sporting occasions, bolstering our position as a leading European destination for high-profile athletes.

"While this summer is exceptionally busy for us, years of experience hosting some of the world's biggest sporting names means we are adept at ensuring each athlete's dietary and training requirements are met to the highest standard."

The Vale Resort's sporting summer kicked off with the Lions' pre-tour training camp in May, followed by Juventus' arrival for the Champion's League Final on June 3, with guests including Gianluigi Buffon.

It also hosted the England cricket team – captained by Joe Root – for its successful quarter-final ICC Champions League match against New Zealand on June 6, with the Pakistan cricket team arriving for its quarter final match the following day.

Wales' rugby squad, captained by Jamie Roberts, has been at the 650-acre resort this week ahead of its South Sea Islands tour, as has the national football team, including Gareth Bale, ahead of its World Cup qualifier against Serbia.

Next week, the Vale Resort is set to host an ICC Champions League semi-final team, before preparations begin for the arrival in July of some of golf's most revered players – including Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie and Tom Watson – as the official hotel for the Senior Open Championship in Porthcawl.

"While the timing of the Lions tour and the Champions League final make this an incomparable year, it is no coincidence that the Vale Resort remains the destination of choice for so many huge names," said Mr Beddoe.

"We do not take our position as one of Wales' leading resorts for granted. Our staff always go the extra mile to ensure each guest or team feel at home, for example by learning basic Italian and ordering in Italian newspapers for the Juventus stay.

"We have already invested more than £900,000 across our business this year, which includes the complete refurbishment of our gym, signalling our appetite to continually improve our guests' experience – whoever they may be."

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Mystery font puzzles historical society

RECENTLY the Llantwit Major Local History Society received a donation of a box of glass negatives purporting to be views of Rhoose and Llantwit Major.

However on further investigation, it turned out that they are of views in Cadoxton, Sully and Wenvoe. All have been identified – with the exception of the photo of the font, which is illustrated right.

The font evidently does not come from any of the medieval churches to be found in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The design of the font points to a church probably constructed during the rapid expansion of towns such as Barry or Penarth, or even perhaps the valleys.

The society was wondering if it could use the good offices of The GEM to publish the photo in the hope that one its many readers would recognise it and furnish us with some details.

If any reader does recognise it, could they please either contact The GEM or the society – contact details on its web site, *www.http://llantwitmajorhistorysociety.co.uk*

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It's summertime in

DINAS POWYS

The key features people love...

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DINAS POWYS offers the key features people love about village life, good schools, independent businesses, pubs, sporting facilities and local churches – but it's also just a 10-minute drive from the multiple attractions of the Welsh capital.

To the west, it is within easy striking distance of the rural Vale, the spectacular Heritage Coast and a host of beaches.

No wonder so many people are keen to settle in Dinas!

One couple who know everything about making a life in the village, and buying the right property are Alex and Victoria Easton.

They are the husband and wife team who own Burnett Davies with Easton, a local independent chartered surveyors and estate agents, based in the heart of the village on Station Road.

Alex, a chartered surveyor for 19 years, all dedicated to agency work, said: "We live in Dinas Powys with our three children and can even see the business from our house.

"We've lived in Dinas for 20 years; the business is in its fifth year of trading.

"We saw a gap in the market for a property company with local knowledge and have become the 'go to' agent in Dinas Powys."

Burnett Davies with Easton aims to match a client's property to the right buyer quickly – and to achieve the best possible sale price.

At the moment, Alex and Victoria are seeing increasing demand month on month. New developments in Dinas such as Wesley Court and Arbor Vale have been marketed with them.

Alex points out that Dinas is attractive to buyers for a number of reasons. It's more affordable than Penarth; it has excellent communications, including two train stations and easy access to the M4; and a semi-rural feel that local people love.

For Alex, who is a Rotarian, being part of the community is important and the company sponsors local sport including cricket and football teams.

Another family-run business nearby is Sig and Viv's Natural Pet Pantry on Elm Grove Road, just a stone's throw from the centre of the old village.

The owners, Tony and Caryn Lynch set themselves the task of running a business dedicated to making sure dogs got the very best food possible.

Tony and Caryn found themselves in that position when they were caring for their daughter's dog Selsig (Sig), who had a long-term skin complaint.

They changed Sig's diet, feeding him 'Biologically Appropriate Raw Food' (BARF) and within three months his skin condition cleared completely.

Tony said: "We're the five-star pet shop in Dinas Powys. People should stay away from processed food, it's no good for us, and it's no good for our dogs.

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Tony explained that high temperatures used in the production of regular dog kibble destroy much of the goodness in pet food.

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Tony and Caryn are happy to give people free samples of the food to try out.

Burnett Davies with Easton is based in the heart of the village on Station Road.

Sig and Viv's Natural Pet Pantry is on Elm Grove Road, a stone's throw from the centre of the old village.

Caryn said: "People come from as far away as Ebbw Vale, Chepstow, the Valleys, Port Talbot and Aberdare."

Among the many top names stocked are Canaghan, Gentle, Natural Instinct and 'Nutriment – enhanced raw diet formula'.

Tony and Caryn have a real enthusiasm for providing the very best for dogs. They also supply all the important doggy products, leads, bowls, treats, coats, flea and tick treatments, and special products for this time of year, cooling mats and frozen yoghurts.

Funeral services provider Green Willows is another family business based in the centre of the village at 21a Station Road.

The company was inspired by John Bettles who, at the time it was set up, was chief executive to Cardiff YMCA and Cardiff YMCA Housing Association.

The ideal was to establish an independent enterprise that would generate income to sustain itself and gift-aid profits to support the charitable work of the Cardiff YMCA – something that continues until this day.

Undergoing the experience of making funeral arrangements following the death of his own mother in 1991, John became determined to set up a caring professional firm of funeral directors.

His vision became a reality when, in April 1997, Green Willow Funerals Ltd was incorporated.

The company's first funeral home opened in Pillmawr Road, Newport in July 1997. Two years later, a second funeral home was opened in Cardiff, and Dinas Powys was opened in 2004.

The company has been a great success, helping thousands of families.

To contact the Dinas Powys branch, people should call 02920 514627.

Sweeney's Barbershop for modern barbering

SEAN Sweeney of Sweeney's Barbershop, based on Castle Drive, in Dinas Powys, has just started working as an educator for the Great British Barbering Academy.

Sean explained: "We've got advanced barbering courses available – please contact us if you want to learn new skills or just advance your current barbering skills.

"At the Barber Connect event held in Telford last weekend we were on the GBBA barber stand giving out educational information on the seminars and courses we run across Wales.

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It's summer time in DINAS POWYS

Vets host Bank Holiday fun day

LEFT: Dinas Vets have plans for a family fund day!

DINAS VETS, at 47-49 Cardiff Road, is passionate about pets, and passionate about the local community.

That's why the practice owner, Emily Ward-Smith, with the support of the local community council, is putting on a 'Dinas Powys Family Fun Day and Fun Dog Show'.

Emily, who lives in nearby Wenvoe, explained: "I realised there was nothing in Dinas like a fete or carnival over the summer and wanted to start something that will carry on in the future.

"It's a family fun day and fun dog show aimed at all ages, and will take place on the Common on Monday, August 28. Local charities and businesses are involved too.

"There will be a bouncy castle, mini-tennis, stalls, games for children, an 11-legged race (two humans with three legs and two dogs on leads), a dog egg and spoon race (dog on lead, owner holds egg), doggy athletics, and a dog show with fun and serious classes."

The classes are: Best Pedigree; Best Cross Breed; Waggiest Tail; Best Junior Handler; Doggy Egg and Spoon; 11-legged race (£3 per class).

People can pop in to Dinas Vets for a dog show entry form.

Emily added: "Everyone is welcome to come – it should be a lovely day out."

Keep an eye out in The GEM for more details on the show in the coming weeks.

Enjoy special meal at golf club

The dining room at Dinas Powys Golf Club.

ONE of the great pleasures in life is enjoying a meal in a relaxing, picturesque setting and Dommett Caterers provides that at Dinas Powys Golf Club, welcoming members of the public.

It's easy to find your way there. In the old village square, make your way up Highwalls Road, taking the right turn after the church. Follow the road a little further up and the golf club is on the left, with ample parking.

Gareth Dommett, who has been a chef for 45 years, said: "People are welcome to come along for a meal, they don't have to be golf club members.

"On Wednesdays, we have 'curry night', Thursdays, there's a carvery from 6pm until 10pm, and there's a carvery every Sunday from 12 noon until 4pm."

Gareth does advise people to book in advance for Sunday lunch (*02920 512727; 07897 593355*). Dommett Caterers, which also does the catering at Brynhill Golf Club, has been in existence for 11 years and is a real family concern.

Gareth explained: "My wife and some of my children are involved.

"I did catering in the Army, cooking for generals and even the royal family.

"I cook food properly, using locally sourced products – and make sure there's quantity and quality at an affordable cost."

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It's summertime in DINAS POWYS

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Mark Daniell, the owner, who lives in Dinas, said: "We've been open 29 years and will be celebrating our 30th anniversary next year.

"We do all types of styling and welcome men, ladies and children. In fact, we've got a special chair for the kids!"

Head To Head also has two late nights, Thursday and Friday until 7pm.

It's also holding staff training on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, which means customers can get discounts on colours, highlights and gents' cuts.

Businesses like Head To Head, which people can rely on year after year, are what make Dinas Powys special.

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The Balti Tandoori – authentic Indian cuisine

RIGHT: The Balti Tandoori.

THE Balti Tandoori in Dinas Powys is situated in the old village at 17 Station Road and is a convenient takeaway, saving people from having to make an evening meal.

It provides authentic Indian food, starters, main courses and chef's specials.

The dishes are prepared with fresh ingredients and there's a huge range to choose from.

The business also offers special 'set meal' prices, depending on the number of people ordering.

A spokesman explained: "At The Balti Tandoori, you can also order online choosing from traditional curries, specials, masalas, biryanis and much more. So, go to our online menu and have a look for yourself.

"Order your takeaway online for delivery or collection. Our complete online menu is available for you to order and you can enjoy online offers and discounts."

See the website: www.thebaltitandoori-dinaspowys.co.uk/ or call 0333 370 9000. The business is open seven days a week in the evenings from 5.30pm onwards.

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A warm welcome from Glenn Griffith Butchers

CUSTOMERS have always been always guaranteed a warm welcome at popular family business Mark Griffith Family Butchers at Camms Corner, Dinas Powys.

Now, Mark has just passed over the reins to son Glenn, but customers will still see as much of Mark as ever.

He explained: "Two weeks ago, I handed over to Glenn. I've worked in the shop for 38 years, 18 as owner.

"It was the right time to take a step back, but I'll still be in to serve customers."

The shop, which has many loyal customers, opens six days a week and is something of an institution in the village.

From Monday to Friday it is open 7.30am to 5pm; and on Saturdays, it is open from 7pm until 1.30pm.

It does a great range of choice cuts with fresh, best quality meats.

Glenn said: "Our meats and our produce is all locally sourced. We're particularly well known for our pies. We also do a popular range of gluten-free products."

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"If you are new to chiropractic, we offer a free 10-minute consultation, or just pick up the phone and we will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

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Awards presented to Barry Camera Club winners

AT the meeting of Barry Camera Club on May 5, the guest speaker was Gareth Martin, who gave a talk entitled 'From My Doorstep And Beyond'.

The images were mostly landscape images but also included a few oddities, as he has a penchant for taking pictures of restrooms!

Gareth is very fond of his dog 'Pugwash' who accompanies him on most of his expeditions and featured in several of the photos. He showed the group a selection of digital images and also demonstrated how he chose to edit each image from start to finish, which was insightful. The members enjoyed the presentation, particularly the prints, which were stunning quality images.

On May 12, the annual dinner took place at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club. The judge this year was the vastly experienced Les Loosemore, who expressed his pleasure, with not only the quantity of the entries, but also the quality, and awarded the following prizes:

The Hansen Cup for monochrome landscape/seascape print: First, 'Beech Avenue' by Glenn Porter; second, 'Footprints in the Sand' by Mike Lewis; third, 'Boat House – Llyn Ogwyn' by Rob Owens. Highly commended was 'Nash Point' by Glenn Porter and 'Tyre Tracks' by Mike Lewis.

The T J Lewis Cup for monochrome portrait print: First, 'Eye Contact' by John Dudley; second, 'JP – Tax The Heat' by Glenn Porter; third, 'Shadow Dancer' by John Dudley.Highly commended was 'Doreen' by John Dudley.

The Major Arthur Hammond Cup for monochrome miscellaneous print: First, 'Look At The Leaf' by Barbra Archdale-Smith; second, 'Let Me Tell You' by Glenn Porter; third, 'The Old Bathroom' by Mike Lewis. Highly commended was 'Fishing Huts and Boats' by Mike Lewis.

Commended were 'Spray' by Brian Trego and 'Autumn Long Shadows' by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

The Jill Nicola Rose Bowl for colour landscape/seascape print: First, 'A Cold Penarth Pier' by Glenn Porter; second, 'Estuary Maze Drop Off' by Brian Trego; third, 'Neuadd Winter' by Rob Owens. Highly commended was 'Track Walkers' by Mike Lewis. Commended was 'The Rowing Boat' by Mike Lewis.

The President's Trophy for colour portrait print: First, 'Take Off' by Brian Trego; second, 'Fledgling Robin' by Barbra Archdale-Smith; third, 'The Look' by Mike Lewis. Highly commended was 'Sandy Sparkle' by Rob Nicholas.

The A M Dimond Trophy for colour miscellaneous print: First, 'LIn A Mis' by Tina Haydon; second, 'Six' by Barbra Archdale-Smith; joint third, 'Buoy and Chain' by Trian Trego. Highly commended was 'The Directors Chair' by Barbra Archdale-Smith. Commended was 'Caerphilly Castle' by Brian Trego.

The Pauls Trophy for landscape/seascape projected image: First, 'Holding Back the Dunes' by Nicola Thwaite; second, 'Bodmin Formation' by Catherine Charlton-Whitaker; third, 'Pier Pre Sunrise' by Glenn Porter. Highly commended were 'Storm-clouds over Cribyn' by Catherine Charlton-Whitaker and 'West Pier Dusk' by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

The Cliff Dimond Trophy for portrait projected image: First, 'Yellow Billed Kite' by Catherine Charlton-Whitaker; second, 'Pensive Mood' by Tina Haydon; third, 'Happy Fiddler' by John Dudley. Highly commended was 'Headmistress' by Mike Lewis. Commended were 'Looking To The Light' by Gareth Williams and 'Mitch' by Tina Haydon.

The Dan Evans Trophy for miscellaneous projected image: First, 'Birds On A Wire' by Catherine Charlton-Whitaker; second. 'Blowing in the Breeze' by Barbra Archdale-Smith; third, 'Interior Design' by Mike Lewis. Highly commended were 'Bluebell Keyhole' by Gareth Williams, 'Bathing in Shadows' by Nicola Thwaite and 'Multi-coloured Dwellings' by Barbra Archdale-Smith. Commended were 'Corrado in Motion' by Gareth Williams and 'Shadows of the Past' by John Dudley.

The Richard Hopkins Shield for best monochrome print in the completion 'Look At The Leaf' by Barbra Archdale-Smith. The Randall Cox Trophy for the best colour print in the competition 'A Cold Penarth Pier' by Glenn Porter.

The Projected Image of The Year Trophy: 'Holding Back the Dunes' by Nicola Thwaite.

At this final stage of the proceedings the Chairman thanked Allen for a judging the images and congratulated all prize winners, finishing with his thanks and a call for a round of applause for the management and staff of the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club who hosted us admirably and fed us extremely well. Congratulations to all those who went home clutching their trophies and certificates, and it special congratulations must go to our lady members, who this year scooped up most of the trophies!

On May 19, the prize winning images were shown at the club, where Les Loosemore was able to give a far more detailed critique of each of the images, giving both encouragement and advise for improvement in equal measure.

The competition secretary also announced the annual prizes for points scored across the entire year and the results were:

Monochrome Prints: First, Mike Lewis with 149 points; second, Glenn Porter with 147 points; third, Brian Trego with 133 points.

Colour Prints: Joint first, Barbra Archdale-Smith with 149 points; joint first, Glenn Porter with 149 points; third, Brian Trego with 138 points.

Digital Projected Images: First, Tina Haydon with 147 points; second, Roy Carr with 145 points; third, Glenn Porter with 141 points.

Highest cumulative score across all three categories: First, Glenn Porter with 435 points; second, Mike Lewis with 429 points; third, John Dudley with 402 points.

The last Friday of May is traditionally the date of the AGM and brought an end to the winter season. The summer programme started on June 2, with a members' evening at the clubhouse.

On Saturday, June 11 the annual Barrian Cup and Dave Cowdrey Trophy was held. Throughout the remainder of 2017 and into 2018 there is a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. For more information, see www.barrycameraclub.co.uk or check out our Facebook and Twitter page.

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'The Vale is just great for walking' say volunteers

Walking near Llancarfan.

LAST week, the sun shone on a record-breaking Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival.

Over 400 people laced their boots to take to the road in what is probably Wales' biggest free walking event and it attracted people from far and wide.

"This year, we were delighted to welcome visitors from Shropshire, Bristol, Shrewsbury, even Australia – alongside hundreds of local enthusiasts. We know, of course, that the Vale is a brilliant walkers' paradise. It's great to let others into the secret," said Valeways chair, Phil Gibbins.

The first launch walk set off on Tuesday morning, led by Vale tourism co-ordinator, Julie Morgan. A large group took a brisk stroll around Barry Island, past the Riviera style beach huts, albeit in slightly drizzly weather.

From then on, the sun blazed on the next five days – notably for the Cowbridge launch walk where a large group were given a warm welcome by the new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Sian Vaughan.

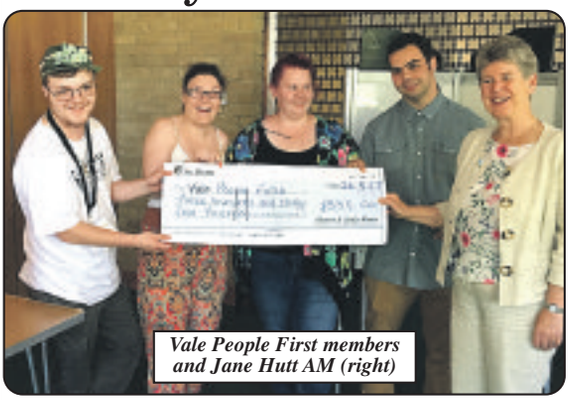
The festival is the annual showcase for the local Valeways charity which, in twice-weekly secataur-wielding sessions, organizes volunteers to clear and maintain 660 kilometres of local pathways.

Valeways also runs an all-year programme of free guided walks everywhere from St Donat's to Dinas Powys, with specialist trails of geological, historical and wildlife interest.

"In addition, we're increasingly responding to the needs of senior 'Strollers' – organising shorter health walks of a mile or two – and the festival programme catered for them too," said Phil.

"The Walking Festival just keeps on getting bigger and better."

£335 raised for Vale People First from Pen y Fan ascent



Vale People First members and Jane Hutt AM (right)

VALE People First members and trustees celebrated their recent fundraising walk up Pen y Fan, which raised £335.

Vale People First also organised a mock election to prepare for the General Election on Thursday, June 8.

Jane Hutt AM, who attended the event, said: "Congratulations to Vale People First on a successful fundraising walk and organising a mock 'General Election'.

"Vale People First does great work. It is a self-advocacy organisation led by people with a learning disability in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Students showcase the Humans of Cardiff

Emily Lynch with her mother, Dorothy.

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College have launched an exhibition of portraits of people from Cardiff at the Sustainable Studio off Dumballs Road.

The students, who have been taking part in the Humans of Cardiff project, met with local people, took photos of them and recorded their stories.

They used the photographs to create their own interpretations of the people as 'works of art', which are accompanied by texts outlining their subjects' stories.

A private viewing was held at the Sustainable Studio, where many of the 'Humans' saw their portraits for the very first time. Several where unaware that their photographs had been turned into art.

CAVC head of Creative Industries Kristen Harries said: "Humans of Cardiff is a wonderful project and I am immensely proud of all of the learners who took part, either in painting the portraits or performing their music."

The students' portraits have been submitted to the Saatchi gallery Schools Prize competition and have also been put forward for the Royal Academy Summer Show.

The exhibition will continue at the Sustainable Studio, Unit 7, Curran Road, Cardiff CF10 5NE until June 23. For more information visit www.thesustainablestudio.com.

NFU Cymru response to General Election result

NFU Cymru president Mr Stephen James said: "NFU Cymru is committed to start working with the new government to ensure all areas of Whitehall understand and value the importance of food and farming.

"NFU Cymru has a good relationship with all parties and, as ever, will work with whomever is in power to promote the interests of our sector.

"British farming underpins the country's largest manufacturing sector and with farming arguably the sector most impacted by Brexit, our members need clarity and certainty as soon as possible over who will govern the country and how they plan to support profitable, productive and progressive agriculture and horticulture in the future.

"NFU Cymru will be seeking early meetings with Ministers. It is important for our industry to have clarity and see certainty from a functioning administration as soon as possible.

"One of the key issues facing Wales is to ensure that resources equivalent to those which Wales would have received from the CAP, are provided from the UK Government to Wales in order to support Welsh farming. This is absolutely crucial to ensure that Welsh farming is able to deliver jobs, growth and investment for Wales.

"Welsh and British farms currently grow the raw ingredients for the UK food and drink manufacturing sector worth £109 billion and for every £1 invested, farming delivers seven-fold back to this country. Moreover, it is clear the British public value and want to continue to buy British food."

"If the formal Brexit negotiations begin as planned on June 19 we will continue to push for the right post-Brexit trade deal for Wales' farmers which includes the access to markets that we are so reliant on.

"There is a tremendous opportunity here for the next government to promote British food at home and abroad and champion British food and farming through its public procurement policy."

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Houses, streets and roads in Barry and east Barry 1889 – 1899 Part 2

Laurie Owen continues his in-depth examination of Barry's beginnings.

MAJOR landowners were the Jenner Family of Wenvoe Castle, who as Lords of the Manor in 1871 owned 1,000 acres of land in Wenvoe and more than 5,000 acres in 'lower' parts, including Merthyr Dovan and Cadoxton.

The Romilly Estate owned a large part of the old parish of Barry and Porthkerry. Barry Island was owned by Lord Windsor who had his summer residence on Friar's Point. Lord Wimborne, the Lord of the Manor of Sully, also owned some land on the moors.

Prior to the docks, the area mainly consisted of farms such as Cwmciddy, Castle, Cwmbarry, Cold Knap and Barry Island. Two early 'highways' met at the junction of present-day Park Crescent, Park, Porthkerry and Harbour Roads. One from the Buttrills via Peter's Well went south to that junction and another led there from Castle Farm.

St Nicholas Road led straight on past Barry House and the parish church, while bearing left became known as Harbour Road, with both meeting at the Ship Inn. A third highway came from Holton Fawr through east Barry to meet Harbour Road somewhere near present day Canon Street.

Within ten years, roads were being upgraded in areas of dense population and this story will focus on what is now the west end of town.

The members of the Public Works Committee were ED Jones, J Robinson, J Jones, JC Meggitt, O Jenkins, PJ O'Donnell, with JC Pardoe and JA Hughes as surveyor and clerk and it was their role to control the building of houses and the construction of streets and roads. Accommodating the thousands of workers was a major concern for several years, with many sleeping in barns and stables, then later wooden and iron huts.

When we were born in the side streets off Park Crescent in the 1940s, houses were neatly arranged in streets and roads, but often they had been built at different times by different builders and whereas some would follow the plans laid down by the Public Works Committee, others were 'cowboys' and would cut corners.

So dramatic was the influx of newcomers there was a shortage of houses, forcing many workers to live in Cardiff and Penarth. One such reader complained in 1889 that he had to pay 1s a day to come to Barry by train, out of his weekly wage of 22s.

ED Jones noted that roads could not withstand the traffic using them, as there were already 230 horses and horse-drawn carts leaving Barry Station every day.

In April 1889 the Barry Estate Company, with directors including TA Walker, the illustrious contractor who built the docks, John Cory JP and Lewis Williams JP, had virtually taken over east Barry or 'Walker's Town' as it was known locally. They controlled 50-60 acres including 300 houses, shops, schools and public places built by TA Walker on leasehold land, together with glebeland belonging to Barry parish.

He later built the Barry Hotel for about £8,000, with 55 bedrooms and described as a first class family hotel intended primarily for visitors. More of his work was the new chapel school, with land adjacent for the English Wesleyan Chapel built by ER Evans of Cardiff for £3,500 and opened in January 1898.

Situated on a steep site at the junction of Romilly and Porthkerry Road there was seating for 624 and 46 in the choir, but both buildings are now private homes.

At a planning meeting in 1889 it seemed surprising to read that committee members Edward Hughes and Charles Morgan did not know where Porthkerry Road was, especially considering that Charles lived just along Park Road at Castle Farm. By way of explanation, they were discussing 69 plans that very evening and then every month, many more applications were being discussed all over town, but you could wonder how they were able to make informed decisions.

The houses in High Street on the south side would become shops early on and later as trade increased, those opposite were also converted. By 1890, the necessary private works of 'paving, curbing and channelling', which were the responsibility of property owners, had been completed and the streets in this area were ready to be 'adopted'.

Queen and Princes Streets were mainly for the working class while York Place and Windsor Road contained villas and better class houses, with space for live-in servants.

In January 1891, Vale farmers from Old Wallace, Cwmciddy, Broad Cross, Whitewell and others, pressured Dinas Powis Highways Board and the Barry Local Board to widen and improve the road from 'Broadway Cross to Beggar's Well'. They needed access to the markets in Barry and Cadoxton and now that the bridge had finally been built over Waycock River at a cost of £200, it was time for action.

Within months, Dinas Powis agreed to upgrade the road from Broadway Cross to Port Road and the Barry board allocated £4,297 to widen and improve the highway from Port Road along Beggar's Well Road to link up at Romilly Schools with Park Crescent. It was planned to widen the road from the Buttrills to Peter's Well but as happened quite often, this did not materialise.

The perils of road building were highlighted when the contractor working on Waycock Road ended up fighting with one of his 'gangers' who then took his men off to the pub for the rest of the day. Next morning they returned with sticks to 'demolish' the boss, who had brought a 'Peeler' with him for protection and order was duly restored.

Board members J Barstow and E Hughes objected to this money being spent outside the district when there were urgent issues in town, but as Cadoxton men they were possibly being particularly partisan.

Plans were also passed to lay a culvert at Beggar's Well to take the brook under the road, with a view to laying a new 24-foot-wide road, leading to Park Road where JC Meggitt lived.

Childhood memories from the late 1940s confirmed that this road was not laid, as the whole area to the top of Bell Street was open rough ground. It was here we practised the art of marbles, conkers, football and 'kick the tin' and then spent two months collecting, building, guarding and later burning our bonfire. At the Pontypridd Road end was the 'Yankee dump' and believe it or not, we could walk through an open culvert under the main road.

So-called because there was an old wreck of an American car, which was a fascination for young boys to clamber over and drive to destinations unknown. Years later this dump was filled with the carcasses of cows lost to disease. At the top of Castle Street, I also have a faint memory of a large circular water container which froze one year, on which brave youngsters could walk and maybe skate.

In 1895 John Morgan of 41 Regent Street told how his father had been working in 1827 at Cwmbarry Farm and following a summer with no rain, the wells dried up, with the exception of Beggar's Well; and the owner Miss Matthews in a spirit of generosity, supplied the whole district.

In September 1893, board member W Thomas (Barry) disagreed with the intention to change the name of Beggar's Well Road to Waycock Road. He proposed that it either be called Llantrisant or Pontypridd Road as it led to both those areas and when Mr Jones Lloyd seconded the name Pontypridd, it passed into history – or did it? Ten years later, JA Hughes proposed changing the name of Pontypridd Road back to Beggar's Well Road.

JC Meggitt noted that it was actually listed as 'Peter's Well-road' on an ancient map and he would prefer North Road if it was to be changed, as it pointed in that direction. Querying the name, it was explained by JA Hughes that it had been a well for beggars until closed by Lord Romilly. Although the members agreed to the Hughes idea, it has remained Pontypridd Road to the present time.

In the mid 1890s houses were built by the Salisbury Building Club and rented at 6s a week, so it is likely that the road was laid at that time, from the top of Bell Street to Willoughby Street (later Eton).

It was not until 1906 that a road from the Buttrills to Romilly Schools was laid by G Motton and Sons for a very precise £2,879.16s/2d. When it opened two years later, in honour of the family name of the Wenvoe Estate it was to be called Jenner Road. Councillors stressed that it should have seats and a urinal; and mention of that building reminded me of the 1950s when much to our amusement, there was a notice which read 'Please adjust your dress before leaving'.

Allotments were very evident over land to the right of Pontypridd Road and from the rear of Romilly Schools extending behind Wenvoe Terrace, and in 1902, SH Romilly of the Porthkerry Estate sold the council 6.5 acres in the dingle between Beggar's Well and Cwmbarry Farm. With the brook running at the end of the plots, they were let at 6d a perch (5.5 sq yards) and my father took one, on his return from Italy after the War.

Influential men with capital bought land and leased plots in varying sizes to builders, often leading to problems with drainage and connections to the sewers.

In 1890, the Barry Castle Land Syndicate had plans approved for 11 houses in Park Crescent and 40 in Gaen Street. The Park Castle Building Company Ltd leased land from the Romilly Estate to build eight villas in Park Crescent and houses in Castle, Lewis and Kathleen Streets.

Lewis Street was named after one director and Kathleen was the daughter of another.

The Park (Barry Dock) Building Company (Ltd) with the Gaen Brothers as directors was also active when the tender of £19,900 by C Shepherd & Son of Cardiff was accepted to build 59 properties in Park Crescent and Gaen Street.

Houses in Vale, Bell and Kathleen Streets were built for the working class such as navvies, with the front doors opening directly onto the pavements. Glamorgan, Castle, Lewis and Gaen Streets all had small enclosed front forecourts, for the better off residents.

To illustrate the different rents, Bell Street was 5s 6d a week, Castle/Lewis streets were 6s a week and 17 Park Crescent with six bedrooms and hot and cold water was 11s a week.

Park Crescent and its side-streets also had people with enterprise, who opened up their front rooms to supply all the needs of the newcomers. Bakers, grocers, butchers, fishmongers, greengrocers, newsagents, barbers, and boot/shoemakers soon appeared and in the 1940s, the road was our local shopping centre and remained so, until the advent of supermarkets.

After 70-plus years, I have only now questioned why this fairly straight road was called a 'crescent'.

Houses were built on one side of Dunraven, none in Willoughby (later Eton), some in Oxford and Cambridge Streets and Salisbury Road from the top of Vale Street to Willoughby Street, with a few in Victoria Road.

From the lower end of Park Crescent going easterly were some houses along Porthkerry Road, including that of the heroic sea captain Hamilton Murrell; and 'Mountsorrel' where Dr George Neale was living by 1891, having named it after his birthplace. Wenvoe Terrace had a few houses near the junction with more in Trinity Street down to Aberystwyth Crescent.

Harbour Road with some houses ran down before crossing the railway bridge to the Ship Inn.

St Nicholas Road continued south from Park Crescent, with houses on the left as far as Canon Street.

This road had links to the past prior to the docks being built, as on the right-hand side of the road, in 1861 Sara Manning had a grocery shop, to which Charles James Vaughan would add an off-licence in 1891. This young man died in 1897 aged just 42 and this shop has seen many different owners and trades for 120 years, yet many of my generation still refers to it as 'Vaughan's'.

Next on the left was the lodging house of John, 'Baron Romilly', built in 1857-9 and almost opposite was Barry House, the grand summer house of Frederick Romilly, built in 1865, both properties now replaced by flats.

Further on was the parish hall built in 1892 and still used today, with the parish church of St Nicholas nearby and on a large plot just below the church, Frederick Murrell built his grand house which he named St Osyth. The road continues down the steep hill crossing over the bridge of the Vale of Glamorgan railway to the Ship Inn.

To the west of this crossroads, some impressive properties were built along The Parade, with houses in Charles Place off to the right and two houses in Gaspard Place. This latter street was named after John Gaspard le Marchant Romilly, the 3rd Baron.

Between Harbour and St Nicholas Roads more houses were built in this period in Canon, Welford, Miskin and Clifton Streets.

It must have been a nightmare for planners to plot the best routes from high locations to the lower parts of the district, when travel was either on foot, by bicycle or by means of a horse. A straight line between two points is indeed the shortest, but Canon Hill and Trinity Hill in the 1890s have always seemed, as a layman, to be suspect decisions.

The Docks and Railway Company and the local board were often at loggerheads and in February 1898 a lengthy dispute came to a head over two roads to Barry Island, namely the old dock road and the one from the Ship Hotel.

The company had spent over £300,000 erecting the railway line across to the Island and would not agree to free public access unless the board agreed not to run trams across, which would obviously affect their passenger numbers. The board reminded them that three years earlier, one of the company's directors and their general manager had promised free access, with no stipulations regarding trams. With regard to the £300,000 spent, the line had passed over reclaimed land worth twice that amount.

Alderman JC Meggitt was confident of success and felt that "honour, liberty and justice would prevail" and at a public meeting of owners and ratepayers, they decided to back the board in court. The vote was 136 to 22 in support, but when Dr Kelly urged caution before spending £400 out of the rates, it was decided to poll all ratepayers and owners in the district. Several years passed by with periodic bickering and the odd barricading but then in 1905, it was finally resolved with some common sense and no legal action.

The company would keep the dock road private and widen and improve the public road from the Ship Hotel.

Anniversary for NT members

THE 20th anniversary celebration of the Vale Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers takes place on Wednesday, June 21.

A spokeswoman said: "The celebration is planned on the terrace of Dyffryn House at 6pm that Wednesday.

"Any founder members will be particularly welcome to join us (whether still members or not) for Pimms, on what we hope will be a sunny summer evening. Over the years, our association has raised in excess of £25,000 towards the work of the trust.

"Geraldine Donovan and her team will update us on current and planned projects, and the head gardener, Chris Flynn, has agreed to lead a guided walk around the garden to see the amazing progress being made."

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It's a pink invasion as Newbridge Fields is taken over by Race for Life runners

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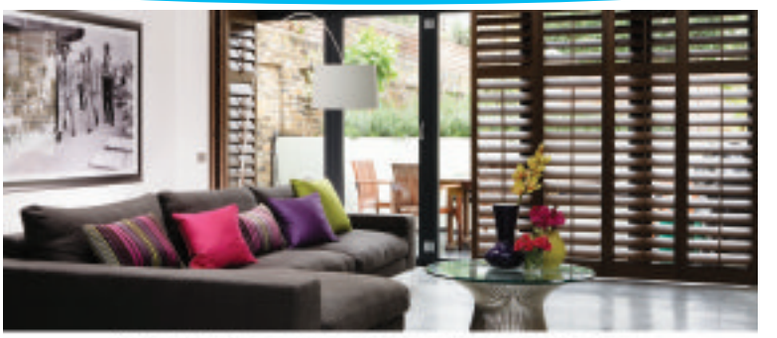

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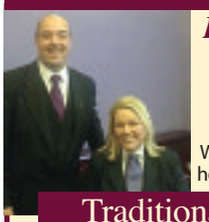

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DAVIES
Audrey Francis

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WHITE
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DORAN
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Joan

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NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE**. To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 08:30 to 17:00 hours and Friday 08:30 to 16:30 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: **www.bridgend.gov.uk**.

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:- Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

NAME OF APPLICANT: **JUSTIN CARTY**

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES: **COFFI CO, THE JENNINGS BUILDING, EAST PROMENADE, PORTHCAWL HARBOUR CF36 3YR**

STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: (1) The sale of alcohol on certain Thursday – Sunday evenings (7pm-11:30pm) at private functions; The playing of live music (7pm-11:30pm), on certain Thursdays – Sundays at private functions; The playing of recorded music throughout the coffee shop's opening hours, unless there is a live music substitute.

DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: **4th July 2017**

This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 6th June 2017 for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000. (1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

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NAME OF APPLICANT:
Huw Nicholls
NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE PREMISES:
Woodyz Pizza Co, Unit 11, Gentle Way, Broadlands, CF31 5EJ
STATEMENT OF INTENDED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:
Alcohol Licence
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DATE BY WHICH REPRESENTATIONS MUST BE MADE: 04/07/2017
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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 10
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Date: 15 June 2017

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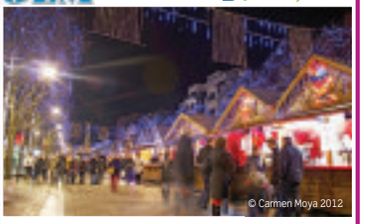

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There was a magnificant turnout in Barry to mark the 35th anniversary of the Falklands War, as young and older members of the community turned out for the sombre occasion.

Olympian challenges Vale woman's world record

Maria in the Antarctic with her snow cycle.

WELSH world record holder, Maria Leijerstam from the Vale of Glamorgan, the first person to cycle to the South Pole, has a six-time Olympic gold medalist aiming to beat her record.

Sir Chris Hoy, Britain's most successful Olympic athlete in terms of gold medals, announced on *The One Show* that he is aiming to beat Maria's 2013 human-powered speed record for cycling from the edge of the Antarctic continent to the South Pole in 10 days, 14 hours and 56 minutes.

Sir Chris, of course, was a cyclist – although he was a sprinter rather than an endurance cyclist.

"Traversing Antartica is about endurance, strong willpower and a fair amount of luck and Chris must be prepared to put in very long days in freezing conditions if he is to beat my record," said Maria.

After Maria's amazing achievement her thirst for adventure has had a brief interlude with the birth of her two daughters, now two years old and three weeks old.

Nevertheless she is already back on her bike and is regularly accompanied by her girls using a handlebar mounted seat and a tow along trailer.

"My cycle training is not as fast as before as water stops have now doubled up as breast feeding stops.

"My priorities may have changed but my thirst for adventure remains. I just have to adapt the way I do things and doing sport with my girls is just the best," said Maria.

This is an ethos that Maria has carried into her Burn Series adventure races, which she organises to give families the opportunity to take part in sport and adventure together.

Her next adventure race is on July 1 at Margam Country Park.

"Only a few more years to go and I'll be able to take part with my own daughters," said Maria.

"My events have shown me that sporty families are happy families."

Welsh League Division One trophy comes to Gladstone Primary School

CHILDREN and staff at Gladstone Primary School welcomed a visitor, and a trophy, to school last week.

Mike Cosslett, coach at Barry Town United Football Club and father of ex-Gladstone pupil and Barry Town centre back Lewis Cosslett, arrived in school to share the Barry Town story with the children.

He brought the Welsh League Division One trophy that the team had recently won, ensuring their promotion into the Welsh Premier League for the first time in 13 years.

A spokesperson for the school said: "The recent signing of Kayne Mclaggon has excited many of the older members of staff at Gladstone who have many fond memories of both Kayne and Lewis from their days at Gladstone Primary.

"Staff and children at Gladstone wish the club all the very best for the forthcoming season and are grateful to receive 12 boxes of books from Moto Services, presented to some of the year-3 children by Cath Petherick and Gareth Griffiths."

Gladstone is the 'adopted school' of Moto Cardiff and this is the fifth year that the school has been the recipient of books through the 'Moto in the Community' programme.

Caroline Newman, headteacher said: "The generosity that Moto show each year to our school enables us to have a fantastic selection of books in our school.

"The books support the teaching of reading and provide us with a huge variety of genres to suit all interests and levels of ability."

Cowbridge Comprehensive School sports news

THE players of Cowbridge Comprehensive Rugby Academy were delighted to hear of the fantastic fundraising efforts of year-7 pupil James Morgan, who raised an incredible £1,120 for the '2 Wish Upon A Star' charity campaign recently.

James completed a gruelling 128 mile bike ride over the course of two days which started in Taunton and finished at Miskin. Captain Owain Thomas-Jenkins presented James with a signed Academy ball in recognition of his efforts to complete such a demanding ride, and more importantly to care for others and raise money for such a worthwhile cause. Well done James!

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Poor conditions for Millwood Bowling Club

A WET and thoroughly unpleasant evening for playing bowls saw near neighbours Rhoose go to Millwood for a Munro Cup fixture.

Although the game was played in the best possible spirit, under the conditions nobody enjoyed the game and all were happy to complete the match, which Rhoose won by 75 shots by 40 shots, claiming 12 points in the process. All players are to be commended for their fortitude.

Saturday saw a return to League Four action for the club side against Cowbridge at Millwood.

Keith Davies and his rink got off to a good start and after five ends led by six shots to two, and after 10 ends were still leading 11-7.

The Cowbridge team pulled back to within one shot after 15 ends, but Keith and his rink held firm, running out winners by 26-17 shots.

Gary Williams showed no mercy to their opponents all afternoon, and ran out convincing winners 32 shots to eight.

Brian Crockford and his rink also had a fruitful afternoon, never being behind at any time and running out comfortable winners 30 shots to eight.

Alan Bumford and his rink also had a comfortable win over their opponents, winning by 25 to 14, completing the clean sweep and taking all 14 points on offer.

The game was played in its usual competitive spirit and no doubt there will be a warm reception awaiting Millwood when the team visit Cowbridge later in the season.

BH

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Rheswm:	I sicrhau diogelwch y cyhoedd yn ystod gwaith adeiladu.
Hyd:	O 23.59 am ddydd Sul 11 Mehefin 2017 tan 23.59 ar ddydd Sul 10 Rhagfyr 2017.

Dyddiedig 15 Mehefin 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Quarry Road, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(WENVOE PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos. 21&22) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2017

On the 11th June 2017 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and with the consent of the Welsh Ministers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

The Order came into force on 11th June 2017 and will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council Wenvoe Public Footpath Nos 21&22) (Temporary Closure) Order 2017.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 11th December 2017 apply to the High Court for this purpose

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Wenvoe Public Footpath Nos 21&22, shall be closed throughout their lengths.
Alt. Route	During these closures a diversion via Wenvoe Public Footpath No 20, Port Road, Old Port Road, Walston Road and Clos Lanfair will be available.
Reason	To maintain public safety during construction works.
Duration	From 23.59 on Sunday 11th June 2017 until 23.59pm on Sunday 10th December 2017.

Dated this 15th day of June 2017

Mr. M.E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Quarry Road, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

Poor weather hampers Romilly bowlers' efforts

ROMILLY Bowls Club played two games last week with the midweek Munro Cup side making the trip to Llantwit Major on Wednesday, June 7, while the club side travelled to Gilfach Bargoed to play their second league game of the season.

Both games were played in atrocious conditions with rain dominating the day. The Munro Cup game at Llantwit commenced in heavy rain which lasted the full 18 ends.

Romilly got off to a flying start, handling the conditions better than the home side and taking a 25 shot lead after five ends.

The home team rallied between ends six to 10 reducing the deficit to 16 shots. Llantwit continued to claw back more shots and by the 15th end had reduced the difference to 10 shots with the Romilly rink of Paul James, Brian Parker, Kelvyn Mills and skip Roger Jones keeping Romilly ahead, holding a 14 shot advantage.

Over the final three ends Llantwit continued to pressure the Romilly rinks and the home rinks skipped by Charles Hiscox and Arthur Hayes got the better of Romilly's Graham Cogbill and Alan Bryan by six and three shots respectively.

Romilly's Ray Hewitson won by three shots beating Steve Booker' rink while the rink of Jones held their nerves well, beating Neville Young's rink by 10 shots. The overall score was close with Romilly hanging on to win by just four shots, 72-68 and taking 10 points to Llantwit's four.

Barry Romilly travelled to Gilfach Bargoed to play one of the strongest teams in the league and looking forward to playing on a good bowling surface - unfortunately the constant rain made for a difficult afternoon.

The rain not only soaked all the players but ruined the scorecards therefore it was difficult to obtain enough information to write a detailed report.

The game was close affair with not much between the teams over the 18 ends played but the rain was a great leveller and spoilt what could have been a great game.

At the end of the game Romilly were only nine shots adrift with the only winning rink was skipped by Fred Phillips with lead Alan Bannister, Mike Doyle and Graham Cogbill playing some telling bowls.

The other Romilly rinks skipped by Mel Newman, Jeff Wright and Brian Foscolo lost by one, seven and nine respectively, and with Phillips' rink winning by eight shots the deficit was nine shots, the match result Romilly two points, Gilfach 12 points.

The club competitions are underway and already there have been some shocks.

Firstly, last year's champion was knocked out by an outstanding performance by Phil Herbert, then in the Championship Arthur Champ ousted the experienced Alan Bryan with some brilliant bowling.

In the handicap competition newcomer Stuart Simpson, in receipt of six shots, beat first team skip Mel Newman. Well done to those winners!

FJP

Athletic bowlers are kitted out for success!

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club received their new playing shirts from Dave Miller of the King William IV in Cadoxton this weekend ahead of their fixture against Ystradfechan in the PG1 league.

Richard Bowen, the Barry club's chairman, thanked the owner of the King William for his generous sponsorship which will see the club wearing the special King William shirts for all their competitive fixtures for the next three years.

Things went well for the Barry Athletic side on the green too with a comfortable 22 shot victory over the visitors from Aberdare with two winning rinks and 10 points to help boost their league position.

Winning their home games will be an important feature this season as the Barry club attempt to build their consistency and performance in the top division.

Robert Horgan, with the returning Gwynfor Parr and and Peter Rogers excelling on the smooth green, proved more than a handful for the opposition winning impressively, 29-7, against C. Evans.

Martin Clarke's rink added a further two points with a five shot victory over Nicky Jones, while the match saw narrow defeats for Glyn Thomas and Richard Bowen's rink by four shots and one shot respectively.

There was plenty of good points about the performance on the day as the selectors will be looking to fine tune the side ahead of the Carruthers knockout rounds against Ogmore Vale this Saturday.

As holders of the Alun Martin trophy Barry got their defence of the trophy underway on the weekend also, playing near neighbours Barry Central.

While the match was tight until the midway point, the visitors pulled away to record a 19 shot victory and progress to the next round.

Skips Peter Rogers and Mike Vaughan won by seven and 12 shots respectively to bring home the spoils.

In the county competitions, both David Wright and Martin Clarke progressed to the semi-finals of the singles, and Richard Bowen's rink of Richard Cowling, Mike Vaughan and Tim Morgan are also through to the semi-finals of the Vale senior fours competition.

The next two weeks will see a number of key match-ups as the players battle for county honours across a range of disciplines and qualification for the national finals later in the season.

RB

Promising result for Cadoxton bowlers

CADOXTON Bowls Club opened their league fixtures in the Cardiff and District League against Ely with a promising win with three of the four rinks successful, and 12 points acquired.

The winning rinks were skipped by Don Kuhnell, Howard Craven and Kelvin Chedgzoy, with the latter producing the best result.

Scores: J Stacey, J Papoutsou, D Jeffries, D Kuhnell 21-17; M Curtis, S Clarke, G Davies, R Harding 14-26; W Craven, I Heppenstall, P Ellis, H Craven 26-15; E Heppenstall, G Solomon, D Brook, K Chedgzoy 27-13. Final score: 88-71.

Following an 11 points success in the opening game of the Munro Cup, at home against Belle Vue, Cadoxton were the visitors to the disliked all-weather surface at Cowbridge, and managed a win and a draw, with two defeats, during a miserable, rain-affected match.

Scores: J Stacey, S Clarke, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 11-11 T Lewis, J Collin, T Folley, N Wilkinson; M Curtis, J Papoutsou, R Byrne, D Jeffries 14-11 M Davey, A Jordan, R Lewis, D Snelling; G Solomon, A Prince, D Brook, K Chedgzoy 11-16 R Doble, O Hopkins, C Wilson, B Pown; H Hellyar, W Craven, P Ellis, H Craven 24-11 T Dunsworth, P Woosnam, K Paine, C Pritchard. Final score: 47-62.

Cadoxton continued with another win in the CML when they visited Belle Vue again to complete the double, on a lovely sunny afternoon in Penarth.

However, just as the last rink came off the green, the heavens opened with a heavy downpour.

Howard Craven skipping against Malcolm Thomas, started evenly until a '6' on the seventh end opened a 9-5 gap in the visitors' favour.

The advantage was gradually increased to 17-9, when the home side started to come back with five winning ends against two.

A single on the final end ensured a win for the visitors. Derek Jeffries skipped his rink to a 14-3 lead at the halfway break.

This was increased to 22-6, before conceding eight shots during the final four ends.

Roy Harding seemed to have skipped his rink to another success when leading 17-10 with just four ends left against Trefor Ford.

Unfortunately the home side rallied, by winning the remaining ends for a one shot advantage.

Kelvin Chedgzoy found the opposition skipped by David Purser in good form and dropped behind 5-12 by the break.

On the resumption the difference was narrowed to just three, before a run of singles increased the deficit, which could not be overcome even with three late winning ends

Scores: Stacey, J Papoutsou, I Robertson, D Jeffries 22-14 G Ford, G Duggan, P Paterson, C Scammer; G Solomon, D Hammond, D Brook, K Chedgzoy 14-17 G Field, P Booth, B Bagnell, D Purser; A Prince, S Clarke, D Davies, R Harding 17-18 L Fowler, R Brant, L Aubrey, T Ford; W Craven, R Byrne, P Ellis, H Craven 22-17 J Allen, D Smith, D Miller, M Thomas. Final score: 75-66.

DK

Footballers' bib donation

MARK ELLIS, one of the Vale's Community Investment and Involvement Officers, popped along to Friday night football on Friday, May 19 to hand deliver 30 bibs that were provided from Vale Homes Funding to support local young people who participate in the project.

Friday night football has been running for 12 years at Holm View Leisure Centre and is a scheme that works in partnership with PCSOs, local volunteers and the Community Investment team.

Dai Coombes, one of the regular Friday night volunteers, commented: "It's great to see young people from the age of nine to 16 coming along and participating in football."

"There are a number of boys and girls who come from Colcot and Gibbonsdown and enjoy playing football together."

Dai, alongside other volunteers, including Scott Nelson, have achieved their Sports Leaders award and are part of the Young Volunteer programme which looks to develop the skills and confidence of young people through sports leadership.

The PCSOs take part in the sessions and this week a newly recruited PCSO was involved and impressed with his skills - Ryan Evans plays centre-half for the recently promoted Barry Town United.

With the warmer weather anticipated there are a number of outdoor venues throughout the Vale where sporting activities are taking place, including a Bike Club at Ty Iolo Park, Treharne every Tuesday from 4.30pm to 6pm, and All Stars Cricket at Barry Island for five to eight-year-olds with police community support officers helping as activators.

For more information on sporting activities taking place in the Vale please contact Mark Ellis on 07826 020707 or markellis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. **ME**

Barrivale Bridge Club results

BARRIVALE Bridge Club results for June 6:

1. Simon & Debbie Richards 64.82%, 2. Mike Best & Mick Green 60.85%, 3. Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 55.83%.

The winners of the club championship handicap on May 25 were Hilary Laurence & Vivian Liles (pictured).

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

LH

Central in league and cup action

THE past week has seen the team at Barry Central involved in both cup and league matches.

The first match, on Wednesday, June 7, was in the Munro Cup, away to the strong Barry Athletic team.

In what can only described as very inclement weather, the match was completed. The team of Central contained a number of inexperienced players, and as hard as they tried the eventual result was never in doubt.

Result (Barry Athletic names first): G.Gaen 24, D.Goddard5; G.Whittaker 20, A.Goddard 11; F.Rogers 25, J.Bergland 15; L.Wright 26, T.Kaged 13. Final score: Barry Athletic 95, Barry Central 44.

On Saturday, June 10, the club played its second league game at home to Caerphilly Social.

On a quite nice afternoon, the match was played in a very good spirit. The Caerphilly team had a number of experienced players in its ranks, but as many opponents do, found the rinks quite heavy to play on.

The Central players gave a better account of themselves and the match was in the balance right up to the end.

In fact the match could have been won if a desperate wick had not deprived a rink of four holding shots. The match finished just as heavy rain fell.

Result (Central names first): D.Goddard 26, D.Perkins13; A.Goddard 11, J.Labet 17; J.Bergland 18, D.Westacott 25; T.Kaged 13, L.Flew 13. Final score: Barry Central 68 (six points), Caerphilly Social 68 (eight points).

On Sunday, June 111, the club once again met Barry Athletic at home in the Alan Martin Cup, a two rink competition.

The club once again found the opposition too strong but both rinks gave good accounts of themselves, only to fall away towards the end of their respective matches.

Result (Barry Central names first): J.Bergland 10, M.Vaughan 22; D.Goddard 17, P.Rogers 24.

Finally, on Monday, June 12, it was extremely pleasing to see a disabled male being coached, in his first attempt at bowls, by D. Goddard.

BC

Signings new and old set up Barry Town United for first season back in top flight

WITH the Welsh Premier League fixture list set to be announced on Friday, June 23, Barry Town United have been finalising their squad for what will be their first top flight season in 14 years.

Last week, the club announced the signing of former Southampton forward Kayne McLaggon, the 26-year old agreeing a two-year deal to return to his hometown club, more than a decade after leaving to join the Saints' prolific youth set-up.

A former under-17 and under-19 Wales international, Kayne returns home to Barry from Evostik Southern Premier League outfit Merthyr Town, where he spent four successful seasons.

McLaggon said: "I'd like to thank the players, staff and supporters at Merthyr for the past four years, we have shared some great memories together.

"However, the opportunity to play for my hometown club in their first year back in our country's national league was too good an offer to turn down. Gavin and the club have a vision and as a Barry boy, I am excited to be a part of it."

"Kayne is an experienced player who adds much quality to our already talented squad," added manager Gavin Chesterfield. "He is a player I have wanted to work with for some time and I am delighted to finally have him with us."

The addition of McLaggon bolsters an impressive Barry first team squad, the Welsh League Division One champions' chances enhanced by two other summer signings.

A quick and skilful winger, 19-year-old Sam Jones arrives from Cambrian & Clydach Vale, where he developed his skills across an eight-year stint in their successful academy.

A Wales under-18 international call-up, Jones recently represented Cambrian in the 2017 FAW Youth Cup final against Swansea City at the Cardiff City Stadium, after scoring all four goals in a 4-3 extra-time win over Bangor City earlier in the tournament.

Chesterfield commented: "I'm delighted to welcome Sam to the club, he is a young winger who has received much interest and impressed many in the Welsh League this season.

"I'm looking forward to Sam joining up with the squad and helping him fulfil his potential. Personal thanks to manager Craig Hughes and all at Cambrian who have been extremely supportive."

Jones meanwhile added: "Firstly I'd like to say a big thank you to all at Cambrian for their guidance and support, I'm very proud of all we have achieved together and will remember my time fondly.

"I'm delighted to be joining Barry Town United at such an exciting time, I can't wait to join up with Gavin and the players in July and prepare for our Welsh Premier League challenge."

In addition, the club has recruited combative central midfielder Clayton Green from Evostik Premier League side Frome Town, a player who brings a host of experience from his time in the English system, where he also represented the likes of Paulton Rovers and Evesham.

A former captain of the University of South Wales men's football team, Clayton has represented both Welsh Universities and British Universities in international fixtures and is the son of former Barry man Phil Green, a player who netted 70 goals for the club between 1979 and 1986 and was a key part of the club's FA Cup run in 1984-85, scoring in the marathon fourth qualifying round win over Merthyr at Jenner Park.

Chesterfield revealed: "Clayton is a player who I know well from my role at the University of South Wales and I'm delighted to confirm his signing.

"Having worked with him, I know his qualities and feel that he will bring added quality and experience to our squad, both on and off the field of play.

"Through our discussions, I know he's excited by the challenge of the WPL and I feel that we are a very good fit for one another."

Green added: "I'm really pleased to be joining Barry, it's a big club with quality players throughout the squad, and it was an easy decision for me following discussions with Gavin. We have a big season ahead and I'm looking forward to getting started!"

After securing the Division One title for the first time since 1994, Barry fans will be delighted to learn that a dozen of last season's players have already committed to the upcoming campaign.

Among their number, goalkeeper Mike Lewis, who was named the supporters' player of the year at the club's recent awards night and forward Drew Fahiya, who won the goal of the season prize for his remarkable long-range effort against Briton Ferry at Jenner Park.

Joining them in the Welsh Premier League, strikers TJ Nagi, Jordan Cotterill, James Dixon and Tyrrell Webbe, midfielders James Saddler, Louis Gerrard and Troy Greening and defenders Luke Cooper, Chris Hugh, Curtis Watkins, Callum Saint and Paul Morgan have all put pen to paper.

Perhaps the most important signature of all though was made at the awards event, as manager Chesterfield inked a contract that will extend his time at Barry by at least a further two years.

Chesterfield, who remarkably arrived at Jenner Park some 10 years ago this week, has guided the club to four promotions, a Welsh Cup semi-final and a Nathaniel MG Cup final, as well as securing championship honours in Welsh League Division One, Two and Three.

Awarded for his efforts at the aforementioned event, Chesterfield has already set his sights on the next challenge, with the build-up to Welsh Premier League football beginning on July 25.

That evening, former Barry player Mike Flynn will bring his Newport County side to Jenner Park for an attractive pre-season friendly, fresh off masterminding the club's EFL survival.

The Exiles, who escaped relegation on the season's final day, are expected to field a full-strength side against Barry, in a tantalising warm-up for the Town's Welsh Premier League campaign – ticket information is set to be announced shortly.

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Cowbridge Bowls Club news round-up

HERE comes summer, oh happy days!

Unfortunately, this week it was unhappy days weatherwise for our bowlers.

On Monday, Cowbridge Bowls Club had two matches, a ladies' evening league and a men's county fours, both cancelled with rain!

On Tuesday, the ladies played, and won, a CCS match in very strong winds, at home against Pencoed.

May Jones' rink scored a hot shot (winning all eight shots on one end). Helping May achieve this were Dorothy Pritchard, Sian Lewis and Pat Holdsworth, with a win of 25-12. Well done!

The other winning rink was Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies, Kay Edwards and skip Joy Woolford, who won 25-10, to win the match 60-46.

On Thursday, the Ladies' league match at home to Cadoxton was cancelled due to a flooded green!

On Wednesday, the men played their Munro Cup match at home to Cadoxton in constant rain (it never stopped!).

However, it didn't stop them winning on two rinks and drawing on one with a win of 62-47.

Terry Dunsworth, Phil Woosman, Ken Payne and skip Clive Pritchard won 24-11, Ron Dobie, Owen Hopkins, Colin Wilson and skip Bob Penn won 16-11 and on skip Norman Wilkinson's rink they drew 11-11.

On Thursday, the men managed to play their evening triples match away at Aberkenfig, thankfully in the dry, but sadly they lost 59-79, gaining four points with two good rink wins.

Tom Purnell, Alan Jordan and skip Bob Penn won 23-10, John Hunt, Colin Wilson and skip Clive Pritchard won 17-9.

Then, on Friday, with some sunshine on their backs, the men played their county senior fours match against four players from Murch, winning 15-14 on the last end of a very close game.

Our team players were Terry Dunsworth, John Jones, Norman Wilkinson and skip Roger Barwick.

With Murch holding three shots on the last end, Roger played with weight to take the jack into the ditch for shot wood.

On Saturday, the men played their second league match away at Millwood. The weather was fine, but not the result – we lost on all four rinks, and the match, by 47-113. The less said the better!

Hopefully, summer will arrive this week!

NJW

Rhian picks up top martial arts award

EARLIER this year, assistant instructor of Barry Kyokushin Karate Club, Rhian Evans, attended the British Martial Arts Awards after she was nominated in the 'competitor of the year' category.

These awards are voted for by the public, and Rhian's nomination came about as she has competed all over the UK and won seven national titles in Kata.

She inspires many youngsters in her organisation and even more so when she recently went to Japan to compete in the World Kata championships, and will be attending the European championships in Lyon later this month.

Rhian was up against some of the best martial arts competitors the UK has and host Tony Pillage called Rhian's name as the winner!

A very shocked Rhian stood and took her award in front of 250 martial artists who applauded her achievement.

Club instructor Sensei Phill Sedgmond, who attended the awards dinner with Rhian, said: "It was a very prestigious event, and a joy to watch my student go and take this award.

"Rhian is a very talented student and being recognised at this level is such an honour. I'm very proud of her and I'm looking forward to seeing what the future brings for her."

Rhian said: "I'm very grateful to all who nominated me – to get to that stage was a real honour but to actually win it, I was overjoyed with that. I wouldn't be where I am today without my instructor Sensei Phill and my dedicated and supportive karate club behind me. I'm very honoured."

Barry Kyokushin train out of Castleland community centre. New starters are always welcome. Training nights are Mondays and Wednesdays – for more info go to *www.bkkc.co.uk* or find them on Facebook for the latest events and offers.

PS

Cowbridge's under-9s make a good start to cricket season

ON a windy but dry Sunday morning, the Cowbridge Cricket Club under-9s continued their successful start to the Cardiff and Vale under-9s festivals.

Last weekend, the team of 12 boys travelled to Radyr to play in a four-team tournament.

First up was the team from Pentyrch and captain Theo Walker elected to bat first with the captain showing the way with 11 runs in the pairs' two overs.

Other scorers were Wil Rees (8), Harvey Rees (16), Freddie Valencia (6) and Joe Smith (4) in a total of 262. Tight bowling by the whole team, who only conceded 27 runs and took two wickets saw the team home by 43 runs.

Four changes were made for the next game against Cardiff Blues to enable all 12 players to have two games.

Batting first again the team scored 37 runs off the bat, only throwing away two wickets in a total of 242 runs.

Again tight bowling by the team restricted the opposition to 224 runs and victory by 18 runs. Wickets by Osian Davies, Will Rees, Joe Phillips and Sam Boyce were crucial in this victory.

With all the stars resting for the last game the younger boys took on the might of the home team.

A close run game where runs from the bat were few, with Ollie Morgan top scoring with 6 in a total of 241. Tight bowling accounted for Radyr losing five wickets taken by Freddie Valencia, Osian Bowen, Dylan Kitchen, George Morgan and Lloyd Morris to attain a nine run victory.

This week the squad take on the might of Cardiff Blacks, St Fagan's Stags and Barry Athletic at the High School ground Cardiff.

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Barry Beavers are pipped at the post in Cwmbran

BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club travelled to Cwmbran for the Gwent Dolphins Swimming Gala on June 10.

A total of 26 team members attended the gala and 25 took part in the event on the day along with supporters (parents, grandparents, siblings, other club members as well as those who run the club).

The team were Keira Richards, Keira Dyne, Faye Sage, Leah Marcus, Amiya Watkins, Layla Ankail. Aiden Thomson, Jamie King, Callum Savory, Suzanne Haslam, Dadine Dyne, Philip Daly, Andrew Sage, Holly Willis, Abby Finch, Louis Davies, Jen Thomson, Heather Williams, Kyle Siirak, Gareth Lloyd, Mark Eveleigh, Jack Kemp, Sarah Davies, Tyler Sovory, Ffion Jones and Nicholas Cushen.

Unfortunately Ffion couldn't take part on the day but supported the team anyway.

A total of 14 medals were won by the team (five golds, seven silvers and two bronzes).

Also the team's League swim team came first again.

The gold medallists were as follows: Abby Finch girls' 50m; Heather Williams ladies' 50m; Mark Eveleigh men's 50m; Jack Kemp boys' 100m; junior relay Jack Kemp, Leah Marcus, Callum Savory and Abby Finch.

The silver medallists were as follows: Leah Marcus girls' 25m; Callum Savory boys' 25m; Nadine Dyne ladies' 25m; Andrew Sage men's 25m; Louis Davies boys' 50m; Nicholas Cushen men's 100m; senior relay – Philip Daly, Kyle Siirak, Nicholas Cushen and Mark Eveleigh.

The bronze medallists were as follows: Layla Ankail girls' 25m; Jen Thomson ladies' 50m.

The club did really well and almost toppled Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club, but they were the victors by only one point.

Pat and the team congratulate the whole team for doing so well and improving their times.

The club will be holding their second 'Party in the Park' at Porthkerry Country Park on August 6 at 12 noon onwards, and the club would like to invite people to come along.

Tickets are still available for £2 per ticket. They can be bought on the club night session on Saturdays between 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

On the day there will be entertainment events, raffle, competitions, barbecue, live acts and so on. More info will follow soon so keep your eyes peeled.

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

BRIDGEND'S Roger Willcox saw his *Patricktom Boru* beaten by just over a length by *Dabinett Moon* in the Ladies' Open Point-To-Point Championship Final Hunter Chase at Stratford last Friday.

Patricktom Boru, who was made the 5-2 favourite, was ridden by Welsh champion Jodie Hughes and although missing out on the first prize of £6,239, Mr Willcox still collected £1,935 for finishing second.

Twenty-four hours later at Stratford, Sean Bowen son of Welsh trainer Peter Bowen landed a double with *Forever My Friend* trained by his father and *Dream Bolt* trained by Dai Rees.

At Chepstow on Saturday, Grace Harris who trains far from the racecourse, had plenty to smile about when her *Grams And Ounces,* ridden by TJ Murphy, scored at odds of 16-1.

Welsh-speaking jockey David Probert from Bargoed was in good form at Haydock, winning on *Handsome Dude* and *Absolutely So*. The former was an 8-1 shot and the latter was returned at odds of 6-1.

Contact Brian Lee on 02920 736438.

Mary Immaculate pupils in the SWALEC spotlight

Pupils of Mary Immaculate led out the teams, and had the chance to play cricket at the SWALEC Stadium.

TEN pupils from Mary Immaculate High School were recently chosen as mascots for the England v New Zealand match at this year's ICC Champions Trophy tournament, which took place in Cardiff city's SSE SWALEC Stadium last week.

Mary Immaculate High School was approached to take part in the match following the school's longstanding relationship with SSE SWALEC Stadium, with many of their extra-curricular activities often taking place there.

The lucky year-7 students were not only given the opportunity to lead both teams out onto the pitch and past the ICC trophy, but also to play a few games of Kwick cricket during the interval.

Despite the large crowd turnout which contained thousands of international cricket fans, the boys soon overcame their nerves and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and showing off their skills.

Lindrus Rodrigues, a pupil at Mary Immaculate High School who was chosen to be a mascot, said: "It was a brilliant day. I was nervous before we walked out with the teams but once we were out there the atmosphere was great.

"We were able to show off our cricket skills at the interval which was also really good and I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The stadium was amazing."

The individual students were picked as a reward for their efforts shown in PE, as well as their ability in cricket and baseball.

Mr Maguire and Miss Browning, teachers at Mary Immaculate said: "What a great experience for the boys, not only leading two international teams out, but then actually playing in front of what was a nearly packed stadium. It was a fantastic occasion and really does put Mary Immaculate on the map!"

PHOEBE DAVIES

Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

Division 1

Team Name	Played	Points	Roll Points
Spacefinders	26	39	180
SV Gals	26	36	146
Barry Stars	26	34	165
Bakers Dozen	26	34	157
Family and Friends	26	34	140
Pila Palas	26	30	164
Coppers	26	27	118
Allsorts	25	26	123
Cigar Ladies	26	22	132
Red Admiral	25	14	97
Colcot	26	12	97
Bobby's Girls	26	12	92
Special Angels	26	10	77

Division 2

Team Name	Played	Points	Roll Points
Fallen Angels	25	42	162
Cad Con Fillies	26	40	166
Rhoose Starlights	26	36	154
Breakaways	26	36	152
Castaways	26	32	166
Airways Angels	26	27	154
Roller Coasters	26	20	133
Witchill Widows	26	20	121
Witchill Weebies	23	20	95
Clickies	25	18	112
Castle Bandits	26	17	93
Merry Makers	26	14	90
After Eights	24	6	68

Division 3

Team Name	Played	Points	Roll Points
La Belles	25	42	179
Challengers	26	42	167
Vixens	25	31	130
Uptown Girls	25	28	140
Etcetera	26	28	140
Dolly Mixtures	26	26	110
Hill Billies	26	25	145
Little Devils	26	24	108
Westenders	25	22	130
SV Ladies	26	22	124
Rugby Triers	26	20	93
Rebels	26	18	102
Witches	26	16	117
Twilights	26	16	99

Division 4

Team Name	Played	Points	Roll Points
Persuaders	23	33	159
Off The Rails	24	32	152
Optimists	21	30	114
Boozy Birds	22	29	141
Socialites	24	28	132
Hellraisers	23	28	126
Aristocats	22	22	100
Liberals	23	22	95
Nite Outers	24	22	95
Guardian Angels	23	20	91
Living On A Spare	23	18	143
Odd Bods	24	10	63
Witchill Wanderers	24	4	36

Love conquers all at Chepstow

VALE trainer John Flint landed the Alan Bushell On Course Bookmakers Handicap over seven furlongs at Chepstow last Tuesday with his *Love And Be Loved* which won by two lengths from *WhatALove* in a field of 17 runners.

Love And Be Loved, who was ridden by 7lbs claiming jockey William Cox, was returned at odds of 7-1.

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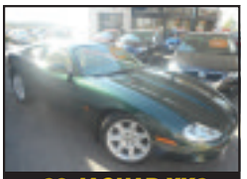

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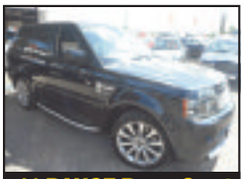

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STOP-START LIONS RISE AND FALL...

but with All Blacks on the horizon, the need for consistency in both performance and result is imperative

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE British & Irish Lions tour isn't one that allows much time for reflection. Two games a week means getting the head down, heeding the lessons of the previous encounter and looking forward to the next challenge.

Having laboured to victory over the Provincial Barbarians and then slipping to a defeat against the Blues, the test of the Crusaders, who had not lost a match all season, was a massive one for Warren Gatland and his squad.

While defeats on tour happen, and that the focus must be on building up to the three-Test series against reigning world champions the All Blacks, the need for momentum and rhythm is imperative. So, having suffered a severe case of the Blues (in a game that exposed the Lions' lack of attacking guile but showcased their abilities in the scrum and line-out) what was already being dubbed the 'fourth test' by some in the media took on even more importance.

A 12-3 win, on the surface, looked mightily impressive, allied as it was with quick line speed, restricting the previously free-scoring Crusaders, coupled with some excellent individual performances. However, while the defensive side of the Lions shone here, the lack of creativity and cutting edge in attack is a bigger concern.

Certainly the victory, in and of itself a paean to the hard work the players are putting in on being tough to break down, was deserved, but deep down both management and coaches know that a watertight defence will only work so far against the world champions, and their present inability to threaten the opposition's defence from open play will not keep Steve Hansen awake at night.

What will give Hansen something to think about when he shuts his eyes, however, is the dogged steeliness that started showing on Saturday.

From the tunnel, the players looked up for it, ready for battle and their on-field performance matched this pre-game intensity; whether it was the shock of the defeat to the Blues, the knowledge that as every game passes the chances of making the starting XV for the first test are either growing or diminishing, or simply the fact that the jet-lag and the getting-to-know-each-other period has worn off, this was an attritional Lions performance against arguably the best team in the Super 14.

There will need to be more than steely resolve though come June 24 and Eden Park, however. Against the Crusaders, both teams saw handling errors deny them tries, but the Lions' need is far greater and they know that in order to beat New Zealand, scores of 30 points-upwards, and at least three to four tries, are required if they are to have any hope of claiming this most illustrious scalp.

Come Tuesday, the momentum of Saturday's win was cruelly dashed as the Lions came out of a tight encounter on the wrong side of a 23-22 defeat against the Highlanders.

The tries came this time, three in total through Jonathan Joseph, Tommy Seymour and Sam Warburton, but a nine point lead was snatched away by a dogged Highlanders team.

Owen Farrell may look at his missed penalty, well within his range, and Elliot Daly may rue his effort from 57 metres just losing the legs to go over the bar, but these small margins are the difference between victory and defeat and the players will know that.

Defeats are no bad thing, and certainly when there are yet more strong turns from the players selected, the competitive edge of these bruising encounters will no doubt inform and push those who get the nod for the first test to really dig in.

But the game management (or lack of) will be of concern, knowing full well that, when nine points clear, the need to knuckle down and wind the clock down rather than invite pressure from the opposition is necessary, while the opportunities to both extend the lead and snatch the win towards the end show that while the cutting-edge is getting there, there is still work to be done.

Saturday's encounter with the New Zealand Maori promises to not only be another brutal and hard-hitting encounter, but also one likely that will see the majority of the test side in action. There are still places up for grabs, and the stop-start nature of the Lions' performances and results thus far mean that there may be a few surprise inclusions, but in order to lay down a marker for the following week's encounter with the All Blacks, a strong performance and result is needed.

The Lions are impressing in fits and starts – but with the biggest test of all on the horizon, the need to be consistent in both performance and result is more important than ever.

Resurgent tennis teams impress

THE men's teams of Cowbridge Tennis Club have had a welcome resurgence in form since our last report.

The women's good start has clearly rubbed off as the mens A, B and C teams have picked up their first wins of the season.

The mens A kicked things off with wins over Chepstow and Glamorgan VA in division Prem3 that has seen them push towards the top of the league.

The mens B chalked up a first win away to Pentyrch on a challenging windy Saturday afternoon. The mens C have are now also pushing to the top of their league with wins over Lisvane and Penarth.

Our ladies second team continue to be the leading lights in the club and have won five out of five to sit pretty at the top of Division 5.

Kate Button and Sarah Penketh remain unbeaten, continuing Sarah's amazing season – rumours of an entry to Wimbledon qualifiers abound but Sarah has reassured us it clashes with her sailing calendar!

The ladies' first team have had a few tough games recently with their great start to the season helping them consolidate a top half position half way through the season.

The club has had a number of social events recently with some suggesting the second Celtic Keg Cup, a friendly tournament held by the men's section on the evening of the European Cup Final, is responsible for the recent upsurge in form.

The popular Grand Slam fun tournaments summer season kicked off with French Open tournament on June 10, suitably won by Yannick Francois and the mercurial Sarah Penketh, with Peter Launder and Sian Roberts as runners-up.

The next tournament will be on Saturday, July 15 for Wimbledon with 48 men, women and junior members expected to take part with a barbecue, Pimms and strawberries and cream, so if you are thinking of giving tennis a go, come along and see what the club is about.

The club has a thriving membership and there are opportunities for all to play most nights, Saturday afternoons and ladies mornings, so you can play where you feel most comfortable.

We are a friendly family-orientated club and are always welcoming new members. More detailed information is available on our website *http://cltc.webs.com/* or call our coach Ian Duggan on 07919 816609.

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Rain is a pain for local cricketers

THERE were no matches in Division One of the South Wales Cricket Association took place last Saturday as rain made play impossible.

The league table is therefore unchanged in so far as the differentials between the teams are concerned.

After seven rounds of fixtures Cowbridge retain third spot with leaders Bronwydd 13 points ahead.

With 28 points available per game and 11 matches to come there is time enough available to claim the top spot.

This Saturday, Briton Ferry Steel are the visitors to The Athletic Ground.

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COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE HOLDS ITS FINALS EVENING

THE season concluded on Saturday, June 10, when a crowded Llanharry Workingmen's Club hosted the 2016/17 Cowbridge Darts League finals night. All teams in the league were well represented.

The evening got underway with the final of the ladies' doubles. Amanda Edwards and Katie George, from the newcomers for this season, the Victoria Inn, were taking on an experienced pair - Joan Burt and Hilarie Coles from the Red Lion Inn. Experience won out, Joan Burt and Hilarie Coles winning 3-1.

Next up was the men's doubles. Comfortable winners after a shaky start were the father and son duo, Tony and Ryan Gratton from the Six Bells, winning 3-1 against Dai Thomas and Paul Butcher (Edmondes B).

After a break for a buffet meal, it was now time for the singles finals. The ladies' singles winner, in her debut year, was the confident Amanda Edwards from the Victoria Inn who defeated Pam Adams from the Farmers Arms.

Men's singles honours went to Paul Butcher who dominated from the outset, capping a fine year for both himself and his league-winning teammates from the Edmondes B, defeating Steve Simmonite from the Edmondes A.

The evening concluded with the awarding of the prizes and cups for all the season's winners. The generous raffle and auction saw a £400 contribution go to the Alzheimer's Society.

Special thanks go to everyone who donated raffle prizes. Of particular note, thanks go to the Edmondes C who donated a signed 'Phil The Power' T-shirt, Steve Simmonite who framed it and Gerry Austin who glazed it.

This year's new team, the Victoria Inn, achieved some silverware. On Tuesday, June 7 they had won the Les Parsons cup, defeating the Red Lion Inn 4-0.

In the other match played that evening, Llanharry won the Great Western Cup beating the Edmondes B 3-1, a super comeback after losing the first game. Highest out honours went to Andy Kirby, from the Highwayman Inn, with a very respectable 150. The ladies highest out honours when to Joan Burt, with a 115.

After a short summer break teams will start preparation for the next season, which will start on September 5.

Please note, teams are always on the look-out for new players, so anyone wishing to join any team is strongly encouraged to get in touch by e-mail at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com.

Up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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HUGELY IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE AGAINST THE ODDS BY WALES...

... but a fifth straight draw means World Cup qualification hopes are getting slimmer

Joe Allen was superb again against Serbia - but a booking means he'll miss the next game against Austra.

Just over 2,000 Wales fans watched the game - and the 'red wall' was as vocal as ever! ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

by GARETH JAMIESON

SEPTEMBER 2012, Serbia. Wales are beaten 6-1 in their heaviest defeat for 16 years, Chris Coleman ponders his future having taken the reigns only nine months previously and their dreams of qualifying for Brazil seem dead in the water just two games into the 2014 World Cup qualifiers.

It's safe to say that the ensuing five years have been far more glorious for Wales, taking in qualification for, and reaching the semi-finals of, Euro 2016 but as Coleman and his team prepared for their first visit back to Serbia since that horrific night, there was the sense of pressure weighing on the team and management.

Halfway through 2018 World Cup qualifying group D, four draws in five games (coupled with a 4-0 win over Moldova in the opening game of the group) had left Wales four points adrift of both Saturday's hosts (having drawn 2-2 in Cardiff with them) and the Republic of Ireland at the top of the group.

Adding to Coleman's pressure was Gareth Bale and Neil Taylor's absence through suspension, though the manager was typically bullish in the lead-up to the game: "We are four points behind going to Serbia and we haven't got our best player,

"What can happen here? I will tell you what can happen. We can go there and get a result that is what can happen. And then in the four games remaining we need to be looking at maximum points. We did that in the last campaign so why can't we do it again?"

Wales were in the position of underdogs going into this Serbia encounter – a position that arguably they enjoy being in, perhaps knowing that shorn of Bale's talismanic talent, the need for other players to step up and show their talent and ability would come to the forefront and inspire another famous Welsh win, a year to the day after they had started their Euro 2016 campaign with a 2-1 win over Slovakia.

As it was, a fifth straight draw in Group D means that the table looks very much like it did before the events of Sunday, the Republic of Ireland bagging a late equaliser at home against Austria to ensure that both they and Serbia sit four points clear of Wales with four games remaining.

Yet while that may make even the most fervent of supporters a little edgy, there was much to admire in a Welsh performance that was full of effort and hard work, a performance that it could easily be argued warranted three points rather than the one.

However, the result was one that would have perhaps been taken before kick-off (notwithstanding the urgent need for three points as opposed to one), and having arguably negotiated the trickiest of their games, Wales' final four games, on paper, are all eminently winnable.

What has been frustrating in this campaign has been Wales' lack of clinical edge, borne out again on Sunday as, 1-0 up after Aaron Ramsey's Panenka-esque penalty, several chances and opportunities went begging, before (as has been the norm in this group) Wales were sucker-punched by Mitrovic's equaliser.

The response from Wales, however, was full of purpose, looking to take back the initiative and grab a second goal that they easily deserved. While it wasn't to be, the urgency of the Welsh reaction was wonderful to see, even if the lack of composure in the final third left a little to be desired.

1-0! Aaron Ramsey celebrates his penalty.

It was the best performance of the group yet, which makes the result a little tougher to take, and the fact that it was executed without Bale's presence was heartening.

Indeed, the odds were against Chris Coleman's men from the beginning, also hampered by Hal Robson Kanu being ruled out with a knee injury, yet the response from the likes of Aaron Ramsey and Joe Allen to lead by example was superb, while Sam Vokes has never worked harder in a Wales shirt, leading the line tremendously.

Equally, the defence rode their luck at times (a luck that ran out for Serbia's equaliser) but their last-gasp tackling and effort was a credit to the team and made it hard for the home team, who could only manage pockets of dominance.

However, ultimately the result is the all-important thing and this draw, while not putting Wales out of contention, does make all of these last four games win or bust.

Sam Vokes' bullish performance leading the line for Wales was perhaps his best yet for the national team.

They come with their own challenges – Austria showed they won't be a pushover based on their performance at the Aviva Stadium, and will test a Welsh team expected to welcome back Bale, but without a suspended Joe Allen, at the Cardiff City Stadium on September 2.

Then comes two tricky away games against Moldova and Georgia on September 5 and October 6 respectively, before Martin O'Neill's Republic of Ireland head to Cardiff on October 9.

Four wins would put Wales on 20 points, a total that would be, in this extremely tight group, possibly enough to ensure at least second place, and (hopefully) a play-off spot to fight it out for the right to qualify for the World Cup.

However, anything less than that and Coleman and Wales can say 'Прощай' to their hopes of making Russia, which, after the successes and joy of last summer, would be something of a comedown.

But as stated earlier, Wales seem to enjoy being the underdogs and although lagging behind in the group, their destiny still remains in their own hands for the time being.

It's time to start getting that winning feeling back and marrying performances like Sunday's with taking the three points on offer – do that, and we could still be in for a Russian adventure next summer!